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NAMES.	BORN.		ORDAINED BISHOP.		REMARKS.
	Where.	When.	Where.	When.	
JOSHUA SOULE.....	Maine	1781	Baltimore	1824	Died in Tennessee, March, 1867.
JAMES O. ANDREW.....	Georgia	1794	Philadelphia ...	1832	Died in Mobile, Alabama, March, 1871.
WILLIAM CAPERS.....	South Carolina..	1790	Petersburg, Va .	1846	Died in South Carolina, January, 1855.
ROBERT PAINE.....	North Carolina..	1799	Petersburg, Va..	1846	Died in Aberdeen, Mississippi, 1882.
HENRY B. BASCOM	New York.....	1796	St. Louis, Mo...	1850	Died in Kentucky, September, 1859.
GEORGE F. PIERCE	Georgia	1811	Columbus, Ga..	1854	Residence, Sparta, Georgia.
JOHN EARLY.....	Virginia	1786	Columbus, Ga..	1854	Died in Virginia, 1873.
HUBBARD H. KAVANAUGH.....	Kentucky	1802	Columbus, Ga..	1854	Residence, Anchorage, Kentucky.
WILLIAM M. WIGHTMAN.....	South Carolina..	1808	New Orleans	1863	Died in Charleston, S. C., Feb. 15, 1882.
ENOCH M. MARVIN	Missouri	1823	New Orleans	1866	Died in St. Louis, Missouri, 1877.
DAVID S. DOGGETT	Virginia.....	1810	New Orleans	1866	Died in Richmond, Va., Oct. 27, 1880.
HOLLAND N. McTYEIRE	South Carolina..	1824	New Orleans ...	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tennessee.
JOHN C. KEENER	Maryland	1819	Memphis, Tenn..	1870	Residence, New Orleans, Louisiana.
ALPHEUS W. WILSON	Maryland	1834	Nashville, Tenn..	1882	Residence, Baltimore, Maryland.
LINUS PARKER	New York	1829	Nashville, Tenn..	1882	Residence, New Orleans, Louisiana.
JOHN C. GRANBERY.....	Virginia	1829	Nashville, Tenn..	1882	Residence, Richmond, Virginia.
ROBERT K. HARGROVE.....	Alabama.....	1829	Nashville, Tenn..	1882	Residence, Nashville, Tennessee.

HISTORICAL.



The first representative of Methodism came to America in 1760, and the first Annual Conference was held in July, 1773. There were then 33,272 Methodists. The famous "Christmas Conference," whose centennial we celebrate next year, was held in Baltimore December, 1784, when the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. Since that time, Methodism has out grown all other Protestant bodies in this country, and now numbers three and three-quarter millions of members. The per centage of the membership of the entire Methodist Church of this country is to the whole population as one to thirteen. The church and college property owned and controlled by the Methodists is not less than \$135,637,000. The Methodist Episcopal Church is the largest body of Methodists, numbering 1,724,800 communicants; while the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, comes next, numbering 877,299 members. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in 1845, under a "Plan of Separation" agreed upon at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844, by which the Southern Conferences were allowed to form a separate organization.

Methodism was introduced into the territory now known as the State of Missouri by John Clark, in 1789. Rev. John Travis was the first preacher sent (in 1806) to "Missouri Circuit;" and, from that time until 1812, Missouri was embraced in what was called the "Western Conference." In 1812, the Western Conference was divided into the Ohio and Tennessee Conferences, the work in Missouri falling into the Tennessee Conference. In 1816, the General Conference organized the Missouri Annual Conference, which held its first session at Shiloh Meeting House, Illinois Circuit, Illinois Territory, Sept. 23, 1816. The total membership reported was 949, with 22 preachers. In 1824, the Missouri Conference was divided by striking off Illinois and confining its territory west of the Mississippi River; and, in 1836, it was again divided by striking off Arkansas and organizing a separate Conference. The Conference was again divided, in 1845, by the Missouri River; and, from that time until the present, it has been bounded by that part of the State of Missouri lying north of the Missouri River. The following table gives the various sessions of the Missouri Conference:

SCSS	WHERE HELD.	WHEN.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Shiloh Meeting House, Ill. Ter.	Sept., 1816	Bishop McKendree	J. C. Harbison
2	Bethel Meeting House, Ill. Ter.	Oct., 1817	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
3	Bethel M. H., Vincennes Cir- cuit, Indiana.....	Sept., 1818	Bishop McKendree	John Scripps
4	McKendree Chapel, Cape Gir- ardeau Ct., Mo. Territory.	Sept., 1819	Bishop George....	John Scripps
5	Shiloh Meeting House, Ill. Ter.	Sept., 1820	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
6	McKendree Chapel, Mo. Ter...	Oct., 1821	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
7	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Oct., 1822	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
8	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Oct., 1823	Bishop McKendree	John Scripps
9	Padfield, St. Clair Co., Ill....	Oct., 1824	Bishop McKendree	John Scripps
10	New Tennessee, Saline Coun- ty, Missouri.....	Aug. and Sept., 1825	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
11	McKendree Chapel, Missouri...	Sept., 1826	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
12	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Sept., 1827	Bishop Roberts...	John Dew
13	Fayette Camp Ground, Mo.....	Sept., 1828	Bishop Soule.....	Jas. Bankson
14	Potosi, Missouri.....	Sept., 1829	Bishop Soule.....	Jas. Bankson
15	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Sept., 1830	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
16	McKendree Chapel, Missouri...	Sept., 1831	Bishop Roberts...	John Scripps
17	Pilot Grove, Cooper Co., Mo...	Sept., 1832	Bishop Soule.....	John Glanville
18	Mountain Spring, C. Grd., } Arkansas Territory.....	Sept., 1833	Bishop Soule.....	W.W. Redman
19	Bellevue, Wasington Co., Mo...	Sept., 1834	Bishop Roberts...	W.W. Redman
20	Arrow Rock, Camp Girar- deau, Cooper Co., Mo.....	Sept., 1835	Bishop Roberts...	W.W. Redman
21	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Sept., 1836	Bishop Roberts...	J. M. Jameson
22	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Sept., 1837	Bishop Soule.....	J. M. Jameson
23	Boonville, Missouri.....	Sept., 1838	Bishop Soule.....	W.W. Redman
24	Fayette, Missouri.....	Oct., 1839	Bishop Morris.....	W.W. Redman
25	St. Louis, Missouri.....	Sept., 1840	Bishop Waugh....	W.W. Redman
26	Palmyra, Missouri.....	Oct., 1841	Bishop Morris.....	W.W. Redman
27	Jefferson City, Missouri.....	Sept., 1842	Bishop Roberts...	W.W. Redman
28	Lexington, ".....	Sept., 1843	Bishop Andrew...	W.W. Redman
29	St. Louis, ".....	Sept., 1844	Bishop Morris.....	W.W. Redman
30	Columbia, ".....	Oct., 1845	Bishop Soule.....	W.W. Redman
31	Hannibal, ".....	Oct., 1846	Bishop Paine.....	John H. Linn
32	Glasgow, ".....	Oct., 1847	Bishop Capers...	W.W. Redman
33	Weston, ".....	Oct., 1848	Bishop Andrew...	W.W. Redman
34	Fulton, ".....	Sept., 1849	Bishop Paine.....	W.W. Redman
35	Canton, ".....	Oct., 1850	A. Monroe.....	Wm. M. Rush
36	Fayette, ".....	Sept., 1851	Bishop Capers.....	Wm. M. Rush
37	St. Joseph, ".....	Oct., 1852	Bishop Paine.....	Richard Bond
38	Palmyra, ".....	Sept., 1853	Bishop Andrew...	Wm. M. Rush
39	Brunswick, ".....	Sept., 1854	Bishop Kavanaugh	Wm. M. Rush
40	Richmond, ".....	Sept., 1855	Bishop Early.....	Wm. M. Rush
41	Louisiana, ".....	Sept., 1856	Bishop Pierce.....	Wm. M. Rush
42	Glasgow, ".....	Sept., 1857	Bishop Andrew...	B. H. Spencer
43	Chillicothe, ".....	Sept., 1858	Bishop Early.....	Wm. M. Rush
44	St. Joseph, ".....	Sept., 1859	Bishop Paine.....	Wm. M. Rush
45	St. Charles, ".....	Sept., 1860	Bishop Kavanaugh	E. K. Miller
46	Glasgow, ".....	Sept., 1861	Wm. G. Caples...	E. K. Miller
47	Fulton, ".....	Oct., 1862	A. Monroe.....	John D. Vincil
48	Mexico, ".....	Sept., 1864	A. Monroe.....	John D. Vincil
49	Hannibal, ".....	Aug., 1865	Bishop Kavanaugh	John D. Vincil
50	Richmond, ".....	Sept., 1866	Bishop Doggett...	John D. Vincil
51	Macon City, ".....	Sept., 1867	Bishop Marvin.....	John D. Vincil
52	Weston, ".....	Sept., 1868	Bishop Kavanaugh	John D. Vincil
53	Chillicothe, ".....	Sept., 1869	Bishop Pierce...	John D. Vincil
54	Columbia, ".....	Sept., 1870	Bishop McTyeire..	John D. Vincil
55	Palmyra, ".....	Sept., 1871	Bishop Doggett...	John D. Vincil
56	Mexico, ".....	Sept., 1872	Bishop Pierce.....	John D. Vincil
57	Carrollton, ".....	Sept., 1873	Bishop Wightman	John D. Vincil
58	St. Joseph, ".....	Sept., 1874	Bishop Keener....	John D. Vincil
59	Glasgow, ".....	Oct., 1875	Bishop Keener....	John D. Vincil
60	Hannibal, ".....	Sept., 1876	Bishop McTyeire..	John D. Vincil
61	Fulton, ".....	Sept., 1877	Bishop Marvin.....	John D. Vincil
62	Macon City, ".....	Sept., 1878	Bishop Doggett...	John D. Vincil
63	Louisiana, ".....	Sept., 1879	Bishop Wightman	John D. Vincil
64	Richmond, ".....	Sept., 1880	Bishop Keener....	John D. Vincil
65	Moberly, ".....	Sept., 1881	Bishop Pierce.....	John D. Vincil
66	Plattsburg, ".....	Sept., 1882	Bishop Granbery..	John D. Vincil
67	Chillicothe, ".....	Sept., 1883	Bishop Wilson....	John D. Vincil

CENTRAL COLLEGE.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, after mature deliberation, determined to build in the State of Missouri one, and only one, college, of the highest grade, upon which should be concentrated the energies of the entire denomination in the State. This proposition originated with the St. Louis Conference held in the city of Lexington, Mo., in September, 1852, and was embodied in the following extract from the report of the Committee on Education, as adopted by that Conference:

"In the judgment of your Committee, the time has come when the educational wants of our people require, and the resources of our people justify, the establishment of a Literary Institution of the highest order in Missouri. But while we need and must have the facilities afforded by this order of Institution, your Committee are of the decided opinion that it is the true policy of the Church to unite upon and undertake the upbuilding of one such Institution in Missouri, and but one. In accordance with these sentiments, your Committee recommends that this Conference, in a official way, signify to the Missouri Conference our willingness to unite and co-operate with them in such a plan for the establishment of a college as shall be mutually agreed upon by the two Conferences."

This paper was drawn up by Rev. Joseph Boyle, D. D.

The Missouri Conference met two weeks later, in St. Joseph, Mo., when E. M. Marvin, chairman of the Committee on Education, brought in a report of hearty concurrence in the action of the St. Louis Conference. D. R. McAnally, Joseph Boyle and Nathan Scarritt, of the St. Louis Conference, and E. M. Marvin, Wm. Holmes and Dr. R. Bond, of the Missouri, were appointed Commissioners to mature the matter and to call an Educational Convention composed of one preacher and two laymen from each Presiding Elder's District, to inaugurate the proposed college.

Such Convention met in St. Louis April 13, 1853, and was composed of 20 clerical and 16 lay delegates. Rev. D. R. McAnally was elected President, and Rev. Nathan Scarritt was chosen Secretary. This Convention located the college at Fayette and determined to raise \$100,000 for its needs, not less than \$50,000 of the amount to be secured before the institution should commence operations. The scholarship plan was unwisely adopted as the best means for securing the needed funds, which of course never came. The Conferences approved the action of the Educational Convention and appointed fifteen curators each to carry out these plans, and also appointed, each, an agent to bring the new college to the attention of the people at large.

The charter of Central College was granted by the Missouri Legislature in March, 1855, and, the new building having been erected, the doors of the college were opened to students Sept. 21, 1857, with Rev. Nathan Scarritt, President *pro tem.* and Professor of Ancient Languages; Rev. C. N. Pritchett, Professor of Mathematics; and Eli Offut, Principal

of Preparatory Department. The college opened prematurely before the necessary funds were in hand, and its early history was a prolonged struggle for life, as has been the case with many an institution now of world-wide fame. The college had three Presidents in as many years, none of whom could supply the lack of funds, which were slower in coming because of the anticipated outbreak of the civil war, which threatened to be fatal to the very existence of such enterprises. The close of the war found the college dismantled, but a heroic church rallied in an Educational Convention at Fayette to re establish it. Dr. Wm. A. Smith was elected President, amid great enthusiasm, and addressed himself gallantly to the work of securing an endowment. He died in sight of the goal, but others were destined to enter into his labors. Dr. J. C. Wills became the successful President of the college, from 1871 to 1878, when his death filled all hearts with gloom. Joy succeeded sorrow, however, with the new life inspired by the prosperous condition of the college under his successor. The attendance of students has increased until now nearly two hundred are annually enrolled, while the endowment has increased from \$45,000 to \$110,000. Besides Wills' Hall and the Gymnasium, erected in the last four years, the Centenary Chapel is now going up at a cost of \$24,000. The standard of scholarship has been raised and the curriculum greatly enlarged. The college has always been known for its healthy religious atmosphere and superior discipline.

Much of its enlarged usefulness is due to the wise liberality of Mr. Robert A. Barnes, of St. Louis, who, wholly unsolicited, has during the past two years given \$45,000 to endow two professorships. It is now proposed to raise \$250,000 as a centenary offering, with which to erect additional buildings, endow a Library Fund and increase the endowment of the college to a quarter of a million. Let the whole Church in Missouri contribute toward this monumental fund, commemorative of our centenary year!



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Fourth Year—Thos. M. Patterson, John W. Owen.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1883-4.

DISTRICTS.	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extens'n	Bishops' Fund.
St. Joseph.....	\$ 515 00	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 299 00	\$ 120 00
Plattsburg.....	450 00	1,050 00	290 00	120 00
Chillicothe.....	515 00	1,200 00	268 00	110 00
Gallatin.....	315 00	800 00	183 00	60 00
Macon.....	450 00	1,050 00	279 00	110 00
Mexico.....	515 00	1,200 00	278 00	110 00
Fayette.....	515 00	1,200 00	320 00	130 00
St. Charles.....	465 00	1,100 00	275 00	110 00
Hannibal.....	515 00	1,200 00	308 00	130 00
Totals.....	\$ 4,255 00	\$10,000 00	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 1,000 00

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., September 12, 1883.

The Sixty-seventh session of the Missouri Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the auditorium of the Methodist Church, Chillicothe, Mo., at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Bishop A. W. Wilson called the Conference to order, and opened the session by reading an appropriate Scripture lesson, singing and prayer. Another hymn was sung, followed by prayer by Rev. C. I. Vandeventer; then another hymn and Dr. Rush led in prayer. After some well chosen remarks by the Bishop, Rev. J. D. Vincil, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll.

John D. Vincil was elected Secretary and J. H. Pritchett and A. V. Bayley, assistants.

The bar of the Conference was fixed, and the hours for meeting and adjourning were then agreed upon.

The following committees were appointed:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—R. A. Austin, J. Y. Blakey.

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D. C. O'Howell and H. D. Groves were appointed to assist

M. B. Chapman in the work of editing the Conference minutes.

J. A. Beagle was elected Conference Reporter.

Communications were received, read and referred to the appropriate committees from Rev. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Dr. J. B. Hinton, editor of the *Quarterly Review*; the Curators of Central college; the Curators of St. Charles college; and the Executive committee of the Joint Board of Editorial management of the *St. Louis Christian Advocate*.

On motion, Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M., was fixed upon as Missionary day.

Revs. E. M. Bounds and J. E. Godbey, of the St. Louis Conference, Rev. W. M. Prottzman, of the S. W. Missouri Conference, and Rev. — Wynn, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

After various announcements, Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY — THURSDAY.

CHILLICOTHE, MO., Sept. 13, 1883.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M. Bishop Wilson in the chair. The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. Jesse Bird.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved, and the roll was called.

Dr. J. B. McFerrin, agent of the Nashville Publishing House, was introduced to the Conference and submitted a report from the House, which was read and referred to the committee on Publishing Interests. He also made a report as Trustee of the "Colvin bequest, which was read and referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Dr. D. C. Kelly, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, was introduced and made some pertinent remarks on this interest of the Church.

Rev. C. C. Woods, D. D. and Rev. L. P. Norfleet, of the Southwest Missouri Conference; Rev. Edmund Wright, agent of the American Bible Society, and Revs. T. J. Wheat, W. R.

Ely and I. Chivington, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. W. M. Rush made a report on the Conference Fund for the benefit of the Widows, Orphans and Superannuates, which was referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

The Bishop then called the 20th question: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" Under this question the names of the Presiding Elders were called, and Revs. W. W. McMurray of St. Charles District, T. J. Gooch of the Mexico District, J. A. Mumpower of the Fayette District, R. A. Austin of the Chillicothe District, C. I. Vandeventer of the St. Joseph District, S. W. Cope of the Gallatin District, B. F. Johnson of the Macon District, J. P. Nolan of the Hannibal District and M. B. Chapman of the Plattsburg District each made a personal statement of themselves and of the work committed to their keeping.

The following were received on trial: Boone Keeton, from the Fayette District; Duncan N. Epperson, John E. Squires and Thomas M. Rucker, from the Chillicothe District.

The special order of the day having arrived, Rev. T. J. Wheat, fraternal delegate from the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to this body, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

After a response from Bishop Wilson, on motion Rev. R. A. Austin was appointed fraternal delegate and Rev. A. V. Bayley, alternate from this to the Missouri Conference M. E. Church.

Rev. Edmund Wright, agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference on this important interest.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

REV. J. B. McFERRIN, D. D.

Among the visitors to this Conference was the venerable Dr. J. B. McFerrin, agent of the Nashville Publishing House. At the request of the publisher of these minutes, he wrote the following:

John Berry McFerrin was born in Rutherford county, Tenn., June 15, 1807; converted Aug. 20, 1820; united with

the M. E. Church two weeks afterwards; licensed to preach Oct. 8, 1825; admitted into the Tennessee Conference November, 1825. Has traveled three circuits, two presiding elders' districts; filled three different stations; was missionary to the Cherokee Indians two years; editor of Nashville *Christian Advocate* nearly 18 years; book agent and missionary in the Confederate army thirteen years; secretary of the Board of Missions 12 years. I write this without the use of spectacles.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 14, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair. Rev. B. F. Johnson conducted the devotions.

After roll-call and the reading of the journal, the Bishop announced the transfer of W. T. Bolling of the West Virginia Conference and J. D. Frazier of the St. Louis Conference.

Pres. W. F. Kerdolf, of Central Female College, Lexington, Mo., and Revs. C. Allen, C. H. John and T. J. Enyeart, of the M. E. Church, were introduced.

James B. Parnall, St. Joseph District, and Jesse D. Hunt, Gallatin District, were received on trial.

Marcus L. Gray, Jesse T. Moreman, John H. Hubbard, McKenzie B. Broadus, James L. Gilbert, Ward C. Maggart, Chas. E. Hedgpeth and John N. B. Hepler were continued on trial in the class of the second year. John N. B. Hepler was elected to Deacon's orders.

Henry Conrad was discontinued, at his own request.

Chas. W. Watts and Wm. O. Medley were admitted into full connection.

Rev. W. J. Martindale, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

A communication was read from the Central Centenary Committee, which was referred to the Conference Centenary Committee.

Reports were read, from the Curators of Central Female College and from Howard Female College, which were referred to the Board of Education; after which Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 15, 1883.

Bishop Wilson called the Conference to order at the usual hour.

Rev. E. M. Bounds, of St. Louis, led the devotional exercises.

Minutes read and approved and roll called.

The special order of the day was taken up and, after the report of the Conference Centenary Committee was read, pertinent remarks were made by Bishop Wilson and Drs. Hendrix, Kelley, McFerrin and Morton.

Henry M. Myers, Richard F. Beavers, Willis G. Shackelford, Stephen B. Tabor and Henry C. Bolen were elected elders.

The hour having arrived that had been set apart for the consideration of the subject of Missions, an interesting discussion was participated in by Dr. Kelley, J. H. Ledbetter, A. Misell, J. H. Snow, D. K. Pitman and others. The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we will use every endeavor during the next Conference year to obtain a Missionary Contribution from every member of our churches and congregations in the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary collections should be taken as early in the Conference year as possible—not later than the 1st of January, 1884—and forwarded to the Conference Treasurer immediately.

Boone Keeton and John E. Squires were elected to Deacon's orders.

John D. Houston was re-admitted.

T. M. Patterson was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Wesley G. Miller was recognized as a transfer from the St. Louis Conference.

Conference adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY—(AFTERNOON.)

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 15, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Tarwater.

J. T. Winstead and W. H. Younger, of the Western Conference, were announced as transfers to this Conference.

John W. Owen was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

B. H. Tripp, J. F. Monroe, L. Baldwin, J. S. Cox, M. G. Gregory and W. E. Dockery were located, at their own request.

The supernumerary relation was granted to Clark D. Davis, Hiram A. Davis and Milton M. Hawkins.

The Superannuated relation was granted to Daniel T. Sherman, Thos. Hurst, Daniel Penny, George Fentem, James Penn, Jesse Bird, Elmore Carlyle, Alex. Spencer, Wm. Barnett and W. M. Sutton.

The credentials of P. D. Vandeventer were deposited with the Secretary, he having withdrawn from the ministry and from the church.

Rev. J. King, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, and Rev. A. J. Worley, of the North Texas Conference, were introduced.

A committee was appointed in the case of A. W. Smith.

The names of a number of the preachers were called and their characters passed.

Shelbina was selected as the place for the next session of the Conference.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

CHILLICOTHE, MO., Sept. 16, 1883.

The Conference Love feast, at 9 o'clock A. M., was conducted by Rev. Daniel Penny. Bishop Wilson preached at 11 A. M., and after the sermon ordained to Deacon's orders Wm. O. Medley and John N. B. Hepler. At 3 P. M., a Sunday School Mass Meeting was addressed by Bishop Wilson, Rev. W. G. Miller, Rev. W. T. Bolling and Dr. Morton. At 7:30 P. M., Dr. J. B. McFerrin preached, after which the Bishop ordained the following Elders: Henry M. Myers, Richard F. Beavers, Willis G. Shackleford, Stephen B. Tabor and Henry C. Bolen.

The pulpits of the other churches in the city were filled by visitors and members of the Conference, as follows: Presby-

terian church, Rev. J. E. Godbey and Rev. H. B. Watson; M. E. church, Rev. M. B. Chapman and Dr. J. D. Vincil; Baptist church, Dr. W. M. Rush and Rev. J. A. Beagle; Christian church, Dr. David Morton and Dr. W. G. Miller.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 17, 1883.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by Rev. J. M. O'Bryan, Bishop Wilson in the chair.

The minutes read and approved.

The committee reported no trial necessary in the case of A. W. Smith, and his character passed.

The credentials of A. L. Brewer, local preacher, were surrendered to the Conference and filed.

Wm. Sartor was also announced as having withdrawn from the church and the ministry, and his credentials were filed with the Secretary.

M. B. Chapman made a report as publisher of the Conference minutes, which was received.

H. A. M. Henderson was announced as withdrawn from the church.

The names of a number of elders were called and their characters passed.

The Church Extension Board recommended the following additions to the constitution of the Board, which, on motion, were adopted:

ART. 8.—The Board and, in the interim of the Conference, the Executive Committee shall have authority to determine what amount of money may be devoted to each applicant, provided no money shall be appropriated for other purposes than the purchase of lots and erection of churches, and provided further that the Board shall not involve itself in debt.

ART. 9.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting; subject to the ratification of the Conference.

Conference adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY—(AFTERNOON.)

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 17, 1883.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Wilson in the chair. Religious services conducted by W. E. Dockery.

Various reports were received from the several committees

and Conference Boards, and a number of resolutions were adopted.

The Church Extension Board recommended that the Conference request the preachers to take their collections for that interest before March 1, 1884, and forward the amounts immediately to the Treasurer, T. D. Woodson, Richmond, Mo.

A letter was received and read from Rev. J. R. A. Vaughn, a former member of this Conference, now of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Howard L. Davis was recommended to St. Charles College as a suitable person to receive aid from that institution.

M. B. Chapman was appointed to publish the minutes of the next session of the Conference.

President Hendrix represented the interests of Central College and Rev. A. L. Norfleet those of Central Female College.

Revs. W. E. Dockery and R. A. Austin were appointed Curators, on the part of this Conference, of Central Female College.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY—(EVENING.)

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 17, 1883.

Conference met at 7:30 p. m.. Bishop Wilson presiding.

Rev. J. A. Mumpower conducted the opening religious exercises.

The usual resolutions of thanks were read and adopted by a rising vote.

The committee on Memoirs made their report and read fitting tributes to Rev. B. H. Spencer and Rev. Cyrus Doggett, who had fallen during the year.

Appropriate remarks concerning the lives and labors of these deceased brethren were made by W. W. Jones, W. M. Rush, C. I. Vandeventer, W. A. Tarwater, Dr. McFerrin, Bishop Wilson and others.

After singing, and prayer by Dr. Rush, the Secretary read the minutes of the night session.

The members of the Joint Board of Finance were then announced, visiting committees appointed to the various insti-

tutions of learning, and the Bishop, after an appropriate and solemn address, announced the appointments for the ensuing Conference year, after which

Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial? ANSWER.—Boone Keeton, Duncan N. Epperson, Thomas M. Rucker, John E. Squires, Jesse D. Hunt, James B. Parnall.

Q. 2.—Who remain on trial? A.—Marcus L. Gray, Jesse T. Moreman, John H. Hubbard, McKenzie B. Broadus, James L. Gilbert, Ward C. Maggart, Chas. E. Hedgpeth, John N. B. Hepler.

Q. 3.—Who are discontinued? A.—Henry Conrad.

Q. 4.—Who are admitted into full connection? A.—Chas. W. Watts, Wm. O. Medley.

Q. 5.—Who are re-admitted? A.—John D. Houston.

Q. 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? A.—W. T. Bolling, from West Virginia Conf., J. S. Frazier, from St. Louis Conf.; Chas. E. Hedgpeth, from Western Conf.; J. T. Winstead, from Western Conf.; Wm. H. Younger, from Western Conf.; W. G. Miller, from St. Louis Conf.; James W. Ramsey.

Q. 7.—Who are deacons of one year? A.—Thos. M. Patterson, goes into fourth year; John W. Owen, goes into fourth year; Clark D. Davis, remains in third year; John D. Shook, remains in third year.

Q. 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons? A.—Wm. O. Medley, John N. B. Hepler.

Q. 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? A.—Wm. O. Medley, John N. B. Hepler.

Q. 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons? A.—Boone Keeton, John E. Squires, *not present*.

Q. 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons? A.—Boone Keeton.

Q. 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders? A.—

Henry M. Myers, Richard F. Beavers, Willis G. Shackelford, Stephen B. Tabor, Henry C. Bolen.

Q. 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

A.—Henry M. Myers, Richard F. Beavers, Willis G. Shackelford, Stephen B. Tabor, Henry C. Bolen.

Q. 14.—What local preachers are elected elders? A.—None.

Q. 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders? A.—None.

Q. 16.—Who are located this year? A.—Bradford H. Tripp, J. F. Monroe, Lewis Baldwin, M. G. Gregory, J. S. Cox, W. E. Dockery.

Q. 17.—Who are supernumerary? A.—Clark D. Davis, Hiram A. Davis, M. M. Hawkins.

Q. 18.—Who are superannuated? A.—Daniel T. Sherman, Thos Hurst, Daniel Penny, Geo. Fentem, James Penn, Jesse Bird, Elmore Carlyle, Alex. Spencer, Wm. Barnett, W. M. Sutton.

Q. 19.—What preachers have died during the past year? A.—Cyrus Doggett, Berry H. Spencer.

Q. 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? A.—H. A. M. Henderson, withdrawn; Wm. Sartor, withdrawn.

Q. 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? A.—Local preachers, 135; members, 26,837; total, 26,972.

Q. 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year? A.—381.

Q. 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year? A.—1,115.

Q. 24.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? A.—255.

Q. 25.—What is the number of Sunday School teachers? A.—1,978.

Q. 26.—What is the number of Sunday School scholars? A.—15,178.

Q. 27.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A.—\$3,000.

Q. 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? A.—\$2,814.38. See list of distribution.

Q. 29.—What has been contributed for Missions? A.—Foreign, \$5,755; domestic, \$3,148.65: total, \$8,903.65.

Q. 30.—What are the educational statistics? A.—Four colleges—two male, and two female.

Q. 31.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? A.—Shelbina.

Q. 32.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? A.—See list.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1883-4.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—J. P. Nolan, Presiding Elder; St. Joseph, Francis station, Wesley G. Miller; St. Joseph, Tenth street and South St. Joseph stations, David F. Bone; St. Joseph, Frederick avenue, Cornelius I. Vandeventer; St. Joseph circuit, Robert W. Howerton; Forest City circuit, to be supplied; Clark D. Davis, supernumerary; Craig circuit, Thos. R. Hedgpeth; Hamburg circuit, Jesse T. Moreman; Maryville station, Robert White; Barnard circuit, James B. Parnall, Hiram A. Davis, supernumerary; Savannah circuit, Wm. B. Johnsey; Elmo circuit, Henry C. Bolen; New Market circuit, Henry T. Leeper; Maysville circuit, Randolph P. Jones; China mission, A. P. Parker.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT—M. B. Chapman, Presiding Elder; Plattsburg station, Dudley C. O'Howell; Osborn circuit, Wm. A. Hanna; Parkville and Faubion missions, Jas. O. Swinney; Platte City circuit, G. Tanquary; Weston circuit, Jas. L. Gilbert; Hardin circuit, Geo. W. Rich; Richmond station, A. Mizell; Millville circuit, Wm. M. Wainright; Edgerton circuit, Middleton R. Jones; Kingston circuit, John L. Meffert; Gosneyville circuit, to be supplied; Lawson and Lathrop, Thos. H. Swearingen; Liberty and Missouri City, Chas. E. Hedgpeth; Kearney and Holt circuit, John T. Winstead.

GALLATIN DISTRICT—R. H. Cooper, Presiding Elder; Gallatin station, Boone Keeton; Gallatin circuit, Squire W. Atterbury; Jamesport circuit, Samuel W. Cope; Albany station, Joseph Y. Blakey; Albany circuit, David R. Shackelford; Jameson circuit, Steward S. Hardin; Spring Hill circuit, Jesse D. Hunt; Oxford circuit, John H. Hubbard; Stanberry mission, to be supplied; Lorraine circuit, Benj. H. Stillwell; Lineville circuit, to be supplied; Breckenridge circuit, Jas. W. Keithly; Princeton mission, Stephen D. Tabor; Grant City mission, to be supplied.

CHILlicothe DISTRICT—John Anderson, Presiding Elder; Chillicothe station, John A. Beagle; Chillicothe circuit, Ward C. Maggart; Bedford circuit, to be supplied; Mandeville circuit, Alex. W. Smith; Norborne circuit, Robert A. Austin; DeWitt circuit, James A. Hyder; Carrollton station, Geo. J. Warren; Brunswick station, Thompson Penn; Westville mission, Thomas M. Rucker; Bucklin circuit, Cornelius W. Hurley; Linnens circuit, D. M. Proctor; Tinney's Point mission, to be supplied.

MACON DISTRICT—B. F. Johnson, Presiding Elder; Macon station, to be supplied; Milton M. Hawkins, supernumerary; Bloomington circuit, Lilburn Rush; Kirksville mission, Jas. O. Edmonston; Queen City and Brashear circuit,

John W. Owens; Memphis circuit, Henry H. Craig; Edina circuit, Solomon H. Milan; Sue City and La Plata. John N. B. Hepler; Clarence circuit, to be supplied; Shelby circuit, Joseph W. Jordan; Paris circuit, Wm. T. Ellington; Milan mission, Wm. O. Medley; Cairo mission, Jos. S. Todd; Moberly circuit, Chancy Grimes; Browning mission, Duncan N. Epperson.

FAYETTE DISTRICT—J. A. Mumpower, Presiding Elder; Fayette station, Jas. H. Ledbetter; Franklin circuit, Wm. F. Bell; Glasgow station, Henry B. Watson; Salisbury circuit, Jas. W. Ramsey; Keytsville circuit, Jno. F. Shores; Ashland circuit, Henry H. Bond; Columbia station, Enoch K. Miller; Columbia circuit, to be supplied; Rocheport circuit, to be supplied, Huntsville circuit, Wm. W. Jones; Renick mission, Richard F. Beavers; E. R. Hendrix, president of Central College; Joseph H. Pritchett, president of Pritchett Institute; Roanoke, Wm. Warren.

MEXICO DISTRICT—T. J. Gooch, Presiding Elder; Mexico station, Wm. H. Lewis; Mexico circuit, M. B. Broadus; Fulton station, Jos. S. Alelu; Fulton circuit, Jacob McEwen; Pleasant Grove circuit, Chas. W. Watts; Cedar City circuit, Alexander S. Doak; Reedville circuit, Luther Pulliam; Montgomery City and Middletown, Henry Kay; Wellsville circuit, John D. Houston; Centralia circuit, Alonzo V. Bailey; Perry Mission, to be supplied; Sturgeon circuit, Willis G. Shackelford; Madison circuit, Walter Toole.

ST. CHARLES DISTRICT—W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder; St. Charles station, Marcus L. Gray; Ofallon circuit, John S. Frazier; Warrenton and Wright City, Charles W. Collett; Jonesburg circuit, John Holland; Troy circuit, Wm. H. Younger; Prairieville circuit, Thos. M. Patterson; Ashley circuit, Jesse C. Carney; Louisiana station, Samuel L. Woody; Clarksville circuit, Hiram D. Groves; Frankford circuit, to be supplied; Wentzville circuit, Henry M. Myers; New Florence circuit, to be supplied.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—Wm. M. Rush, Presiding Elder; Hannibal, Fifth street station, Warner T. Bolling; Hannibal, Arch street station, Jno. E. Squires; Hydesburg circuit, Ambrose P. Linn; Mt. Olivet circuit, Thomas R. Kendall; Palmyra station, Wm. A. Tarwater; Monroe City circuit, Lewis F. Linn; Florida circuit, C. Babcock; Shelbyville circuit, John M. O'Bryan; Hunnewell circuit, Hiter W. James; Monticello circuit, Wm. B. Beagle; Kahoka circuit, Joseph T. McDonald; Colony circuit, John D. Shook; La Belle circuit, to be supplied; Canton circuit, Jacob A. Snarr.

TRANSFERS.

W. J. Jackson transferred to Denver Conference; Wm. Penn, to Arkansas Conference; G. W. Quinby, to Columbia Conference; J. R. Taylor, to Florida Conference; R. H. G. Keeran, to S. W. Missouri Conference; and G. M. Edwards, to North Texas Conference.

LAY DELEGATES.

ST. CHARLES DISTRICT—D. K. Pitman, John D. Vincal, Wm. O. Gray, G. B. Hitch.

MEXICO DISTRICT—P. P. Ellis, N. Sneed, Geo. Northcut, J. L. Jamison.

FAYETTE DISTRICT—John F. Lewis, George W. Henderson, R. M. Daneron, J. H. Cupp.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT—A. M. Cochran, W. B. Cook, J. H. Snow, Peyton T. Smith.

CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT—Thomas M. Rucker, David Ball, David Mumpower, A. C. Vandiver.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—John Utz, Thos. S. Moreman, Rev. L. R. Parker, J. T. Sedwick.

MACON DISTRICT—R. D. Morrison, W. K. Christian, E. M. Randolph, Walker Wright.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—R. E. Anderson, J. Lloyd, E. H. Hulin, John A. Smith

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

NAME.	Relation.					YEARS' ACTIVE WORK.						POST OFFICE.
		Entered Itinerancy.	Ordained Deacon.	Ordained Elder.		Circuits.	Stations.	Missions.	Districts.	Other Work.	Total.	
Austin, R A.....	E	1855	1859	1861		8	5	1	2		16	Carrollton.
Atterbury, S W.....	E	1868	1868	1872		5		3	7		15	Gallatin.
Allen, J S.....	E											Fulton.
Anderson, John.....	E											Craig.
Barnett, Wm.....	Sd											St. Joseph.
Babcock, Chas.....	E											
Blakey, J Y.....	E	1867	1867	1871		8	7	1			16	Albany.
Bayley, A V.....	E	1868	1870	1872							15	Centralia.
Bond, H P.....	E	1867	1870	1872		13	3				16	Ashland.
Bone, D F.....	E											St. Joseph.
Beagle, J A.....	E	1866	1868	1870		6	11				17	Chillicothe.
Beagle, Wm B.....	E	1866	1868	1870		4					17	Monticello.
Bird, Jesse.....	Sd											
Beavers, R F.....	E	1878	1880	1883		2		3			5	Randolph.
Bolen, H C.....	E	1875	1878	1883		7		1			8	Maryville.
Bell, Wm F.....	E											Fayette.
Broadus, M B*.....		1882		1881		1					1	Mexico.
Bolling, W T.....	E	1869	1871	1873		1	12		1		14	Hannibal.
Cope, S W.....	E	1849	1851	1853		15	4	1	14		34	Chillicothe.
Collett, C W.....	E											Warrenton.
Carlyle, E.....	Sd	1867	1867	1870		13		2			15	Chillicothe.
Chapman, M B.....	E	1868	1866	1870		2	5		1		8	St. Joseph.
Cooper, R H.....	E	1872	1874	1876		4	7				11	Gallatin.
Craig, H H.....	E	1856	1858	1860		23	1	3			27	Memphis.
Carney, J C.....	E	1873	1875	1878		9		1			10	Ashley.
Davis, H A.....	Sy											Barnard.
Doak, Alex S.....	E	1871	1873	1877		6		5			11	Cedar City.
Davis, Clark D.....	Sy											
Edmonston, J O.....	E	1872	1874	1876		9	1	1			11	Kirksville.
Ellington, W T.....	E											Paris.
Epperson, D N*.....												
Fentem, George.....	Sd											
Frazier, J S.....	E											O'Fallon.
Gilbert, Jas L*.....		1881				2					2	Weston.
Gooch, T J.....	E											Mexico.
Grimes, C.....	E	1871	1873	1875		6	6				12	Moberly.
Groves, H D.....	E	1871	1872	1874		5	6		1		12	Clarksville.
Gray, M L*.....		1882					1				1	St. Charles.
Houston, Jno D.....												Wellsville.
Hedgpeth, Chas E*.....		1882				1					1	Liberty.
Hunt, Jesse D*.....												Spring Hill.
Hendrix, E R.....	E	1869	1869	1870			7	2		5	14	Fayette.
Hurst, Thomas.....	Sd											Ridgley.
Hedgpeth, T R.....	E	1870	1866	1870								Graham.
Hyder, J A.....	E	1868	1870	1872		15					15	DeWitt.
Hardin, S S.....	E	1866	1868	1876								Jameson.
Holland, John.....	E	1876	1878	1881		6		1			7	Jonesburg.
Hanna, W A.....	E	1868	1870	1872		6	2	1			15	Osborn.
Hawkins, M M.....	Sy	1870	1871	1873		2	7	1			10	Macon City.
Howerton, R W.....	E	1874				5		4			9	Saxton Station
Hurley, C W.....												
Hubbard, Jno H*.....		1882				1					1	Oxford.
Hepler, Jno N B*.....	D	1880	1883			3					3	Sue City.
Jones, M R.....	E	1849	1851	1853		11	4		18		34	Plattsburg.
Jones, R P.....	E	1871	1873	1875		12					12	Maysville.
Jordan, J W.....	E	1867	1868	1881		6					6	Shelbina.
James, H W.....												
Johnson, B F.....	E	1854	1856	1858		26			3		29	Fayette.
Jones, W W.....	E	1843	1845	1847		11	2				23	Moberly.
Johnsey, W B.....	E	1868	1860	1866		6	9				15	Savannah.
Kay, Henry.....	E											Montgomo'y City.
Keithley, J W.....	E	1877	1880	1882		4	2				6	Breckenridge.
Kendall, T R.....	E											Mt. Olivet.
Keeton, Boone*.....												Gallatin.
Lewis, H W.....	E											Mexico.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY (Continued).

NAME.	Relation.	Entered Itinerancy.	Ordained Deacon.	Ordained Elder.	YEARS' ACTIVE WORK.						POST OFFICE.
					Circuits.	Stations.	Missions.	Districts.	Other Work.	Total.	
Linn, A P.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hydesburg.
Linn, L F.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Monroe City.
Ledbetter, J H.....	E	1868	1869	1872	7	9	.....	.....	.....	16	Fayette.
Leeper, H T.....	E	1874	1873	1878	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	10	New Market.
Medley, Wm O.....	D	1881	1883	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	Milau.
Miller, W G.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	St. Joseph.
Miller, E K.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Columbia.
McMurray, W W.....	E	1858	1860	1865	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	Shelbina.
Mumpower, J A.....	E	1864	1867	1869	6	10	.....	3	.....	19	Glasgow.
Meffert, J L.....	E	1873	1875	1880	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	Kingston.
Milam, S H.....	E	1874	1876	1878	8	.....	1	.....	.....	9	Edina.
McDonald, J T.....	E	1876	1880	1882	5	.....	1	.....	.....	6	Kahoka.
Mizell, A.....	E	1844	1846	1848	5	19	1	6	5	36	Richmond.
Myers, H M.....	E	1879	1881	1883	1	2	1	.....	.....	4	Wentzville.
Moreman, Jesse T*.....	.....	1882	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	Hamburg, Iowa.
Maggart, W C*.....	.....	1881	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	3	Chillicothe.
McEwin, J.....	E	1860	1865	1865	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fulton.
Nolan, J P.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Macon C'ty.
O'Bryan, J M.....	E	1872	1874	1876	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	Shelbyville.
O'Howell, D C.....	E	1856	1858	1860	12	5	.....	7	.....	24	Plattsburg.
Owen, Jno W.....	D	1880	1881	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	Queen City.
Penn, James.....	Sd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Canton.
Penn, Thompson.....	E	1868	.....	.....	8	6	1	.....	.....	15	Brunswick.
Penny, Daniel.....	Sd	1843	1843	1845	29	.....	1	.....	.....	30	Millville.
Pritchett, J H.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Glasgow.
Parker, A P.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Suchow, China.
Pulliam, Luther.....	E	1861	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	Reedville.
Patterson, Thos M.....	D	1879	1882	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	4	Prairieville.
Parnell, J B*.....	.....	1883	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Barnard.
Rush, Wm M.....	E	1841	1843	1845	13	12	.....	11	5	41	Boonville.
Rush, Lilburn.....	E	1852	1854	1856	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Shelbyville.
Rich, G W.....	E	1852	1854	1856	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	Slater.
Rucker, T M*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Westville.
Ramsey, Jas W.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salisbury.
Smith, A W.....	E	1872	1873	1874	8	3	.....	.....	.....	11	Mandeville.
Shackleford, D R.....	E	1856	1858	1860	23	1	1	.....	.....	25	St. Joseph.
Shackleford, W G.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Moberly.
Shores, Jno F.....	E	1858	1860	1865	22	2	.....	1	.....	25	Brunswick.
Spencer, Alex.....	Sd	1845	1847	1849	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Currieville.
Sutton, Wm M.....	Sd	1848	1851	1853	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	Moberly.
Swearingen, T H.....	E	1874	1876	1878	6	3	.....	.....	.....	9	Lathrop.
Sherman, Daniel T.....	Sd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
swinney, Jas O.....	E	1864	1865	1866	2	3	.....	.....	.....	5	Glasgow.
snarr, Jacob A.....	E	1878	1880	1882	4	.....	1	.....	.....	5	Canton.
shook, John D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Colony.
stillwell, B H.....	E	1869	1869	.....	9	3	.....	2	.....	14	Loraine.
Squires, Jno E*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hannibal.
Toole, Walter.....	E	1844	1846	1848	29	.....	.....	8	2	39	Macon City.
Todd, J S.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tarwater, W A.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Palmyra.
Tanquary, G.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Platte City.
Tabor, Stephen B.....	E	1879	1881	1883	3	.....	2	.....	.....	5	Trenton.
Vandeverter, C I.....	E	1844	1846	1848	10	15	.....	14	.....	39	St. Joseph.
Warren, Wm.....	E	1851	1853	1855	26	.....	6	.....	.....	32	Roanoke.
Warren, Geo J.....	E	1868	1871	1872	7	7	1	.....	.....	15	Carrollton.
Woody, S L.....	E	1867	1867	1872	14	2	.....	.....	.....	16	Louisiana.
White, Robert.....	E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Maryville.
Watson, H B.....	E	1859	.....	1876	7	5	.....	.....	.....	12	Glasgow.
Wainwright, Wm.....	E	1872	1874	1876	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	Millville.
Watts, C W.....	E	1872	1876	1879	4	3	1	.....	.....	8	Auxvasse.
Winstead, Jno T.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kearney.
Younger, Wm H.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Troy.

D—Deacon; E—Elder; Sd.—Superannuated; Sy.—Supernumerary; * Licensee.

ANNIVERSARIES.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

The first Anniversary meeting of the Conference Church Extension Board was held in the M. E. Church, South, Chillicothe, Mo., Sept. 13, 1883, Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, President, in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Godbey, of the St. Louis Conference. After singing "Come thou Fount of every Blessing," the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The Treasurer then made his report which was laid on the table for the present. Rev. D. C. Kelly, D. D., was then introduced and made a stirring address, after which the Treasurer's report was amended by a fair collection. The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Jesse Bird.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Ministerial Educational Society held their anniversary at the Elm Street church at 7:30 P. M., Sept. 14th. Rev. D. R. Shackelford opened the services with singing and prayer. The President being absent, Rev. W. A. Tarwater, Vice-President, took the chair, and called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the former session, which were read and approved. The Treasurer being absent, also, Rev. H. D. Groves was called on to read the report.

The committee on nominations made their report as follows: Dr. J. P. Nolan, president; Rev. W. A. Tarwater, vice-president; H. D. Groves, secretary; T. H. Ledbetter, treas.

Board of Managers—Revs. R. H. Cooper, E. R. Hendrix, S. L. Woody and W. E. Dockery; Lay—O. H. P. Corprew, S. P. Emmons and A. F. Davis.

Committee to Pass on Applications for Aid—Dr. Hendrix, A. F. Davis and Prof. Corprew.

The Vice-President then introduced Rev. J. E. Godby, of St. Louis, who delivered a fine address, which was unfortunately interrupted by a storm.

The Secretary and Treasurer were appointed to audit the report of Rev. W. J. Jackson, former treasurer. The Treasurer, J. H. Ledbetter, was instructed to correspond with delinquents and urge the payment of notes that are due.

The meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Conference Board of Missions held their anniversary at the Elm St. Methodist Church, at 7:30, p. m., Saturday, Sept. 15, 1883.

Dr. Rush opened the exercises with religious services. Dr. Hendrix, the President, being absent, Rev. J. H. Pritchett occupied the chair. The Secretary was then called on to make a report. Next, the Treasurer made a brief report, showing that \$3,400.62 had been raised for domestic, and \$5,646.13, Foreign Missions. Total raised for Missions within the bounds of the Missouri Conference during the present Conference year, \$9,046.75.

Addresses were made by Rev. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and Rev. D. C. Kelly D. D., Treasurer of the Board of Missions, after which a collection of \$100 was taken to pay a note due the estate of Rev. B. H. Spencer.

A coming storm again broke up the audience, which was dismissed with the benediction.



GENERAL STATISTICS.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.

I.—NUMBERS.								II —MONEY RAISED.								III.—CHURCH PROPERTY.								
NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEM'RS		BAP-TISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			For Building and Repairing Church Property.	HOME SUSTENATION.				MISSIONS.		Church Periodicals.	S. S. Purposes.	Church Extension.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. They Will Seat.	Val. of Parsonages.	Statement of Other Property & Value.	Bible Cause.	
	L'l Preachers.	Whites.	Adults.	Infants.	Schools.	O. T.	Schools.		Volumes in Library.	P. C.	P. E.	Bishops.	Conference Fund.	Domestic.										Foreign.
St. Joseph (Francis st.)	1	350	13	2	1	19	150	250	\$ 393 15	\$ 1500 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 85 60	\$ 183 00	200	\$ 27 65	\$ 56 00	1	\$ 35000 00	750	\$ 5000 00		\$24 00
St. Joseph (10th st.)	1	118	1	2	2	15	150	150	400 00	426 60	30 00	6 00	26 50	27 00	40 00	10	128 00	10 00						
St. Jo. (City Mission)	2	93	37	6	1	13	104	100	49 00	524 75	10 25	3 00	30 00	3 00	3 00	240	85 30	6 00	1	1500	150			
St. Joseph (Circuit)	1	267	8	1	1				27 00	400 00	63 00	9 00	32 35	30 00	48 00			21 00	2¼	1000	900	2500 00		2 00
Forest City		144	3		2	20	130	250		227 40	48 30	3 60	7 30	12 00	12 65	10	30 00	4 40	2	3000	550			
Craig	1	129	3	1	2	10	100	100	2238 50	563 60	80 00	5 00	32 00	36 00	75 00	20	28 00	17 00	2½	4250	750	350 00	\$ 50 00	
Hamburg	1	119	8		1	5	30			228 30	76 10	8 00	20 00	36 00	35 80		25 00	122 00	1	800	250			
Maryville & Bur. Jun.		157	15	5	1	13	181	166		550 00	75 00	10 00	31 00	25 00	30 00	185	44 00	19 00	1	200	300	900 00		
Barnard		198	7	1	2	15	75			285 00	55 00	8 00	17 00	22 00	45 00	20	11 60	5 00	2	2000	700			
Savannah	3	199	7	1	4	32	205		285 00	400 00	60 00	9 00	23 00	35 00	50 00	27	41 00	25 00	4½	5600	1450	900 00		
Lamar	2	278	54	6	2	19	112			625 00	80 00	6 00	21 00			20		12 00	3	4422	830			
DeKalb (New Market)	1	166	3	2	2	9	75	100	1400 00	391 10	70 40	8 00	17 00	30 00	52 00	60	10 00	4 00	4	4000	1200	200 00		
Gower	1	250	3	3	2	12	100	100	1700 00	600 00	75 00	8 00	27 00	15 00	25 00	120			2	3500	600			
Summary	13	2463	162	30	23	182	1412	1216	\$ 6492 65	\$ 6728 15	\$ 1023 05	\$ 120 00	\$ 373 85	\$ 356 60	\$ 599 45	912	\$ 430 55	\$ 301 40	26	\$ 65272 00	8430	\$ 9850 00	\$ 50 00	\$26 00

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.

Plattsburg (District)	1	125			1	8	50	50		\$ 568 25	\$ 80 05	\$ 15 00	\$ 32 40	\$ 20 00	\$ 40 00		\$ 20 00	\$ 25 00	1	\$ 3000	250	\$ 600		
Plattsburg (Station)	1	316	8	7	3	34	305	250	735 00	655 00	70 00	12 50	36 00	40 00	106 50	321	79 75	31 00	3 1/4	6500	1000	1500 00		
Osborn		195	5		2	15	60		200 00	326 50	46 35	8 00	18 15	20 00	40 00	12	21 00	8 75	4	4000	1000			
Parkville		167	3	7	2	15	146	143	315 00	410 00	52 30		3 60	19 95	24 10	45	75 00	23 00	1 1/2	1500	600	800 00	50	
Platte City		140	18	52	2	29	195	100	50 00	500 00	55 00	8 00	29 50	25 00	60 00	75	100 00	11 00	1	5000	500			
Weston		132	3		2	18	131	292	1028 85	435 00	65 00	10 00	20 00	25 00	37 45	216	69 25	15 00	2	6000	700	800 00		5 25
Liberty and Mo. City		170	30	1	4	25	150		1500 00	400 00	40 00	3 50	50	20 00	10 75	30	15 00	30 00	4	2400	1000			
Camden		136	2	6	1	15	150	175		700 00	85 00	12 50	39 25	40 00	50 00		39 05	33 00	1	6000	400	2000 00		
Richmond		508	9	2	4	22	147		850 00	600 00	85 00	12 50	30 00	40 00	70 00	125	35 00	20 00	4	6000	1000	450 00		
Millville	1	150	2	4	2	12	110		110 00	430 00	54 65	8 00	28 00	25 00	35 00	70	40 00	20 00	3	2700	700			
Maysville	4	293	4	2	3	20	120	120	800 00	565 00	65 00	10 00	29 00	30 00	60 00	100	15 00	20 00	5 1/2	7000	1600	500	800	
Kingston		305		4	2	20	145		705 00	402 00	58 00	9 00	15 10	22 00	35 00	232	35 00		2 1/4	2300	700	900		
Gosneyville	2	214	39	4	3	30	250		625 00	548 15	75 00	10 00	26 10	23 10	70 05	275	84 50	28 75	2 1/2	6500	1000	750		
Lawson and Lathrop		29								77 70	3 00	2 50	7 50	2 00	4 00			1 00	1 1/4	700	500			
Easton Mission																								
Summary	9	2885	123	89	31	263	1959	1130	\$ 6919 35	\$ 6617 60	\$ 834 45	\$ 121 50	\$ 315 10	\$ 364 05	\$ 676 35	1521	\$ 628 55	\$ 266 50	36	\$ 59600 00	10950	\$ 5700 00	\$ 1400 00	\$ 5 25

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

I.—NUMBERS.								II.—MONEY RAISED.						III.—CHURCH PROPERTY.										
NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEM'RS.		BAP- TISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			For Building and Repairing Church Property.	HOME SUSTENATION.				MISSIONS.		Church Periodicals.	S. S. Purposes.	Church Extension.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. They Will Seat.	Val. of Parsonages.	Statement of Other Property & Value.	Bible Cause.	
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Gallatin (Station).....	1	140	1	1	1	14	100	250	\$ 8 00	\$ 575 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 7 50	\$ 25 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 45 00	150	\$ 100 00	\$ 15	1	\$ 850	260	\$ 1000	\$	\$
Gallatin (Circuit).....	...	158	...	...	2	10	50	24	...	145 00	21 35	2 75	10 00	10 50	13 00	17	8 00	5	¼	100	100	500	...	...
Jamesport	4	368	28	6	5	51	250	300	209 00	600 00	75 00	8 00	32 50	43 00	50 00	200	100 00	20	6	4000	1200	800	...	12
Albany Station.....	1	119	4	7	1	12	108	300	94 00	430 00	32 00	5 00	10 00	12 00	15 00	170	60 00	2	1	500	250	120	...	...
Jameson	1	271	1	6	2	21	144	...	...	407 80	40 80	6 50	22 00	18 50	35 00	37	10 90	13	2½	2800	600	300	...	10 80
Albany.....	2	212	23	10	2	19	180	...	...	263 00	31 10	5 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	...	16 00	3 15	2½	2200	800	...	...	...
Spring Hill.....	...	267	1	6	2	15	115	70	216 00	239 50	29 50	5 00	20 50	19 45	20 00	30	5 00	11	3	3200	800	150	...	...
Oxford and Stanberry.	1	160	...	3	2	15	125	...	30 00	332 80	30 80	2 50	...	3 00	9 00	105	12 00	...	1	1000	300	150	...	...
Lorraine .....	...	258	43	2	1	5	40	...	...	301 30	25 00	8 60	...	...	...	40	...	...	2	900	425	400	...	...
Lineville.....	1	240	2	1	2	20	150	60	10 00	351 00	36 60	5 00	15 00	25 00	42 00	50	15 00	12	2¼	2600	600	700	...	...
Decatur City.....	...	90	...	...	2	16	80	...	1000 00	85 10	25 00	65	1 00	10 00	...	10	...	1	1	1300	300	...	...	...
Breckenridge	1	229	3	...	3	27	200	...	874 00	358 85	40 05	5 00	15 60	15 00	25 00	25	25 00	5	4	4400	1000	...	150	...
Princeton	2	152	...	3	3	25	195	...	200 00	152 75	21 70	3 50	10 00	15 00	21 50	11	26 90	6	1	150	200	...	250	...
Grant City (Mission).	2	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62 50	20 00	...	2 00	1 25	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Summary.....	16	2688	206	45	29	250	1737	1004	\$ 2641 00	\$ 4304 10	\$ 488 90	\$ 65 00	\$ 167 60	\$ 210 70	\$ 281 50	1655	\$ 378 80	\$ 93 15	27	\$ 24000 00	6830	\$ 4120 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 22 80

CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.

Chillicothe (Station)...	...	160	...	...	1	12	115	100	\$ 239 30	\$ 619 50	\$ 53 90	\$ 8	\$ 34	\$ 40	\$ 61 50	310	\$ 37 28	\$ 15	1	\$ 5000	400	\$ 800	\$	...
Chillicothe (Circuit)...	1	233	23	...	2	15	150	200	15	450	61	7	18	27	20	100	15	7 25	3	3700	1200	500	...	...
Bedford	1	225	3	1	2	14	90	...	25	297	39	7	9	10	15	75	15	...	3	4000	850	200	...	...
Mandeville	3	360	10	...	3	20	150	100	175	500	50	10	17 50	25	20	30	20	...	4½	3250	1200	400	...	...
Norborne .....	...	338	1	2	3	18	120	52	65	550	92 25	12	31 85	50	120	...	26	20 85	5	6500	1200	650	...	...
DeWitt	1	270	18	...	4	20	150	150	...	394 20	75 20	10	23 45	11	22 05	...	5 50	4	5200	1200	500	...	...
Carrollton (Station)...	...	190	...	...	1	16	130	50	29	730	84 80	11	35	42	84	200	52 60	24	1	6000	400	2000	...	...
Brunswick (Station)...	1	111	6	12	1	13	100	...	2396	650	80	10	36 50	44	71 75	230	125	20	1	8000	400	1000	...	...
Keytesville.....	...	154	...	...	1	10	80	...	600	404	65	8	20	33	27	35	50	...	2	3500	600	...	...	...
Westville Mission....	1	214	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 20	8 20	10 50	20	...	...	4 50	1¼	1400	350	300	...	...
Bucklin	4	350	4	2	3	15	125	...	203 05	119	27 50	2 55	2	3	5	30	10	...	3	2500	500	...	150	...
Linneus	3	420	...	1	1	9	95	150	100	548	71	11	31	37	75	40	20	25	4	6000	1200	1100	...	...
Triplett	1	155	1	...	1	7	40	...	25	302 25	45 35	8	23	20	48	35	15	15	½	400	250	500	...	...
Tinney's Point Miss'n	1	120	14	3	1	8	60	...	...	100	25	1 25	7 55	5 25	9	7	...	3 10	1½	1000	500	...	...	...
Summary.....	17	3300	80	21	24	187	1405	802	\$ 3872 35	\$ 5663 95	770 00	\$ 110 00	\$ 297 05	\$ 357 75	\$ 598 30	1092	\$ 385 88	\$ 140 20	34	\$ 56450 00	10250	\$ 7950 00	\$ 150 00	.....

MACON DISTRICT.

Macon (Station).....	1	125	1	1	12	114	.....	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 80	\$ 11 45	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$ 1	\$ 5000	350	\$ 1200	\$ 50	.....		
Bloomington	4	302	26	4	3	18	150	..... 320	429 95	59 55	2	8	10	..... 25	50	4	5000	1200	.....	.....		
Queen City & Brashear	1	339	2	2	12	100	150	200	204 30	30 70	6	11 75	20	8 40	25	4	2400	1100	450	50	.....		
Kirksville	1	83	2	1	9	97	60	400	352 85	34	5	18 10	25	12	11	40	9 20	3700	200	.....	.....	
Memphis	1	325	15	4	2	18	180	20	61 15	357 95	72 30	5	7 25	20	35	18	5	4 1/2	3000	950	1100	.....	
Edina	2	322	13	1	5	44	215	100	1000	473 50	94 70	11	30	43 50	64	30	45	23 75	5	7250	415	1000	
Sue City	4	176	.....	1	6	36	.....	.....	356 40	47 60	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3	3500	800	.....	.....	
Clarence	1	487	26	2	4	35	414	300	700	600	64	11	25	39	68	200	72	21 30	4	8000	1200	1200	
Shelbina	1	329	1	3	21	240	320	320	677	120	12	40	62 50	165 25	140	35	33 25	3	10000	900	1700	
Paris	2	254	10	4	5	30	220	400	700	545	61	10 25	21	26	27	20	50	4	6000	1500	1000	.....	
Cairo	2	439	23	4	3	28	180	..... 450	257 50	45 10	9	9	24 35	23 50	208	3	.....	4	4000	850	.....	.....
Moberly (Station)	1	150	.....	1	14	125	.....	.....	435 45	43 55	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4500	400	.....	.....	
Milan (Mission)	6	169	7	3	2	19	140	.....	..... 180 15	44 95	6 25	13	23	39	24	14 50	13 50	2	1450	450	.....	.....
Browning (Mission)	2	174	2	1	5	20	125	..... 9 50	142 75	50	5 55	9 50	16 50	34 25	..... 4 50	12 25	1	1000	225	200	.....	.....
Summary	23	3674	126	25	38	286	2336	1350	\$ 4360 65	\$ 5612 90	\$ 847 45	\$ 110 00	\$ 212 60	\$ 309 85	\$ 461 40	893	\$ 336 00	\$ 118 25	41	\$ 66100 00	10570	\$ 7850 00	\$ 50 00

HANNIBAL DISTRICT.

Hannibal (5th St.).....	200	3	5	1	18	125	800	\$ 125	\$ 1250	\$ 150	\$ 18	\$ 60	\$ 53	\$ 75	135	\$ 111 80	\$ 25	1	\$ 16000	550	\$ 1400	\$	
Hannibal (Arch St.).....	91	12	4	1	12	100	75	25	145 05	23 20	4	10 25	13	31 75	8	65	6	1	2500	300	.....	.....
Hydesburg.....	151	12	2	13	75	.....	.....	500	75	10	20	42	85 40	.....	20	22	4	8000	900	300	.....	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	1	313	7	1	4	28	170	150	451 85	63	10	28 50	35 10	124 51	.....	22	22	4	8500	1200	.....	.....
Palmyra.....	156	5	1	1	14	80	500	235	604	65	11	34	42	93 90	190	40	23	1	4700	450	2000	.....	
Monroe City.....	2	412	1	3	27	175	250	.....	650	60	10	18	29 10	55 65	300	75	3	4	7600	1000	.....	.....
Shelbyville.....	1	391	14	9	5	36	390	1300	568	88 50	14	37 50	40	63 25	214	38 05	7	4	5500	1000	200	250		
Monticello.....	274	5	2	3	24	142	.....	405 55	62 25	12	16	43	53	195	34 85	20	4	5000	1000	600	.....		
Hunnewell.....	312	19	5	4	30	165	.....	20	500	60	10	25	35	53 50	.....	25	16	5	5000	1000	.....	.....
Kahoka.....	1	124	.....	2	12	100	.....	.....	150	32	6	12	25	44	.....	.....	4	2	1800	500	1200	.....	
Colony.....	3	340	5	4	25	200	180	.....	400	60	8	20	32	59 70	22	14	14	4½	5000	1400	700	.....	
La Belle.....	1	282	10	11	2	16	128	350	391 45	58 70	7	20	25	62	110	10 50	10	2½	2300	650	750	300		
Canton.....	1	204	10	4	3	20	150	40	380	52	7	9	35	60	18	20	.....	4	4500	1200	.....	.....
Summary.....	16	3250	103	42	35	275	2000	1805	\$ 2245 00	\$ 6395 90	\$ 849 65	\$ 127 00	\$ 310 25	\$ 449 20	\$ 861 66	1192	\$ 476 20	\$ 172 00	41	\$ 76400 00	11150	\$ 5750 00	\$ 1950 00

MEXICO DISTRICT.

Mexico (Station)	1	222	1	4	1	12	150	100	\$ 30	\$ 900	\$ 135	\$ 17	\$ 51 50	\$ 70	\$ 140	225	\$ 61 60	\$ 34	1	\$ 10000	375	\$ 2000		
Fulton (Circuit)	1	368	2	1	1	4	36	100	500	484 35	52 60	8	35	45	80	107	10	17	5	4500	1250			
Fulton (Station)	3	160	3	2	1	13	132	250		650	80	10	36 50	30	60	24	56 05	6 50	1	3500	400	1500		
Mexico (Circuit)	1	219		1	3	21	150		25	334	50	4 20	12 25	15	10 20	69	30	7 30	3 1/4	4000	800			
Pleasant Grove	4	194	4	1	3	15	100	100	404 10	534 75	66 25	8 25	31 75	34 25	69		20	16	3	7000	1000	750		
Cedar City		253	8	2	2	10	100		100	430	55	7 50	10	15	10	15	10	17	3	5000	800	400		
Readsville		242	13	2	3	11	125	210	334 25	412 65	65 95	12 50	30	25	40	40	29 60	22	3	3700	1500	600		
New Florence	1	275	11	5	3	17	183	200	340	595 75	81 15	11	19 50	40	90	81	43 20	8 75	4	4000	1200	600		
Montgomery		125	1	1	1	12	153			300 45	80	10	24 15		129 85				1	1200	250	1000		
Wellsville		288	20	8	3	28	140		36	455	57 35	7	18 15	15 30	26 25	33	44 25	2	4 1/2	5000	1100			
Santa Fe	2	138	2							318 20	49 10	7	13 50	22	18									
Madison	2	276	4	5	5	30	175			415 10	59 35	10	25	25	25			2 50	5	5000	1200			
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ST. CHARLES DISTRICT.

I.—NUMBERS.										II.—MONEY RAISED.										III.—CHURCH PROPERTY.							
NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEM'RS.		BAP-TISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				For Building and Repairing Church Property.	HOME SUSTENATION.				MISSIONS.		Church Periodicals.	S. S. Purposes.	Church Extension.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. They Will Sent.	Val. of Parsonages.	Statement of Other Property & Value.	Bible Cause.			
	L'l Preachers.	Whites.	Adults.	Infants.	Schools.	O. T.	Schools.	Volumes in Library.		P. C.	P. E.	Bishops.	Conference Fund.	Domestic.	Foreign.												
St. Charles (Station) ..	96		1	15	1	12	100	600	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 100	\$ 11	\$ 27 50	\$ 25 40	\$ 40	250	\$ 35	\$ 22	1	\$ 3000	250	\$ 3500	\$	\$ 7 00			
Cottleville	2	250	....	14	1	9	50	50	2500	450	99	11	31	25 50	61 25	45	20	13	3½	6000	800	1000	.....	.....	
Wentzville		167	3	1	2	6	70		3100	472 50	91 50	6 50	8 50	9	21	.....	.....	4	2	1000	500	.....	.....	.....
Prairieville		243	3	7	2	12	105	60	142 65	307 85	46 15	11	20	46	92	165	18 15	22	4	3600	1400	.....	400	85		
Warren'n & Wri't City ..		213	...	2	2	6	60	250	95	305 40	45 60	11	4 80	14 10	13	.....	.....	1 80	4	6000	1300	.....	.....	.....
Jonesburg		222	9	1	2	13	102	290	224 20	470 70	84 60	11	11 80	23 70	47 30	25	17 10	9 40	3	4000	950	1000	.....	.....	
Troy	4	272	41	7	4	30	200	.....	312	34	64	5	15	25	40	20	20	6	5	4500	1500	800	.....	.....	
Ashley	2	201	7	8	3	25	148	.....	567 60	56 75	8 40	35	35	43	147	27	17	3	3	3000	750	550	.....	.....	
Louisiana	1	147	1	3	1	14	127	200	450	609 40	95	13	25	25	109 47	146	131 15	25	1	4000	600	1200	.....	.....	
Clarksville	2	284	11	2	3	24	195	250	100	600	100	14	70	52	102	200	100	24	4	11000	1600	800			
Frankford	2	213	1	15	75	...	760	255	45	8 10	17	15	25	50	10	3	1200	750			
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FAYETTE DISTRICT.

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Franklin (Circuit)...	1	325	30	...	4	30	200	...	200	500	70	11	25	36	70	30	35	20	4	6000	1500
Glasgow (Station)...	1	161	2	3	1	15	141	600	2500	1000	166 50	20	58 35	84	210	22	56 32	43	1	10600	600	2500	400	...
Salisbury (Circuit)...	2	514	41	3	3	23	120	120	1350	519 45	84	12	30 20	24	85	200	10 20	22	4½	4500	1500	600	274 65	...
Sturgeon	1	380	...	3	1	14	100	100	210	664 45	65 80	12	29 35	40	36	60	50	13	5	6500	1500	...	...	...
Renick	1	251	10	5	...	...	...	...	26	244 90	23 90	5	13 35	20	18 75	29	5	10	2¼	3500	800	...	...	...
New Prospect (Mis'n)	2	153	...	...	1	3	20	7	...	95 85	14 30	...	1 60	3	3 10	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rocheport	1	377	9	7	3	17	160	...	700	90	15	...	39 50	48	160	175	22 25	24	4	5000	1200	400	...	...
Huntsville	3	284	16	3	3	13	140	200	200	595	91 35	13 50	28 35	23	42	60	25	16	3½	7000	1200	800	...	...
Roanoke .....	...	305	3	...	3	22	226	...	...	523 15	56 75	12	33	46	60	324	21 95	30	4¼	4000	1000	...	...	...
Ashland	1	360	47	12	6	29	249	293	571	529 30	79 40	12	32 25	28 25	54 25	35	76 80	24	4	5400	1000	1000	...	...
Columbia (Station)...	...	164	1	...	1	12	125	100	...	1000	110	13 50	45 50	36	85	...	108 65	30	1	12000	500	...	300	...
Summary	20	3501	170	37	27	196	1656	1570	\$ 5137 00	\$ 7052 10	\$ 942 00	\$ 136 00	\$ 406 45	\$ 448 25	\$ 989 10	1511	\$ 481 17	\$ 255 00	33	\$ 64500 00	10800	\$ 7100 00	\$ 1974 65	\$ 18 70
Sum Total	135	26837	1115	381	255	1978	15178	11397	\$ 41771 10	\$ 52997 40	\$ 7414 75	\$ 1014 25	\$ 2655 80	\$ 3148 65	\$ 5795 03	10418	\$ 3790 25	\$ 1634 75	307	\$ 506722 00	89255	\$ 64020 00	\$ 6374 65	\$ 80 60

REPORTS.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CONFERENCE FUND.

To the Bishop and Members of the Missouri Annual Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN—In accordance with the articles of association, I beg leave to present the following annual report of the Trustees of Conference Fund:

Since your last session there has been nothing added to the invested fund of our corporation. Our invested fund, therefore, remains one thousand dollars. Eighty dollars of interest has been collected. Expense of the incorporation, eight dollars and five cents. Your Board of Finance is hereby authorized to draw on our treasurer, T. D. Woodson, for seventy one dollars and ninety-five cents. Officers elected for the ensuing year—W. M. Rush, President; Thos. Shackelford, Secretary, and T. D. Woodson, Treasurer.

Again we call upon the preachers and laymen of the church to a hearty and diligent co-operation in increasing the fund so necessary to the support of the claimants on our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. RUSH, President

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 13.

Trustees Conf. Fund.

REPORT OF CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

The Conference Centenary Committee met at 4 o'clock p. m., Sept. 12th, in the Christian church. The following members were present: W. W. McMurry, T. J. Gooch, J. A. Mumpower, Thos. Shackelford, J. H. Ledbetter, M. B. Chapman, C. I. Vandeventer, J. P. Nolan, G. J. Warren, W. E. Dockery, R. A. Austin, S. W. Cope, R. H. Cooper.

On motion Rev. T. J. Gooch was called to the chair, and J. H. Ledbetter elected secretary *pro tem*.

It was then determined that the first object of the meeting was to effect a permanent organization, which was done by the election of the following officers: President, T. J. Gooch; Vice-President, Judge Thos. L. Shackelford; Secretary, J. H. Ledbetter; Treasurer, Rev. W. W. McMurry.

The officers of the Annual Conference Centenary commit-

tee were constituted the Executive committee of the Conference committee. to act for said committee in all things in the *in terim* of the sessions of the Annual Conference. On motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

J. H. LEDBETTER, Secretary.

SECOND MEETING.

The committee met pursuant to call of the President, at 2 o'clock p. m., Sept. 14th, in the Christian church, Rev. T. J. Gooch in the chair. The address of the Central Centenary committee was taken up, read and duly considered. The committee reached the following conclusions, which they respectfully present to the consideration of the Conference:

1st. We nominate Rev. W. M. Rush, D. D., as a most suitable person to preach the Centenary Sermon at the session of the Missouri Conference in 1884, and we nominate Rev. C. I. Vandeventer as his alternate.

2d. *Resolved*, That the last Sunday in May, 1884, shall be the day for the special Centenary services throughout the bounds of this Conference.

3d. That the first Sunday in June shall be the Children's Centennial day.

4th. That the District committees shall hold mass meetings at such times and places as they may deem best.

5th. That the District committees, and preachers in charge, shall keep the Secretary of the Conference fully and constantly informed of all Centenary meetings and collections within their respective bounds; and of any facts that may be of interest or importance to the Centenary work.

The committee had under consideration that part of the report of the Board of Curators of Central College in reference to a Centenary contribution of \$250,000 for the enlarged endowment of the college and library, and for the erection of additional buildings. We recommend concurrence, and suggest that this Conference give hearty support and assistance to their committee in accomplishing those ends.

J. H. LEDBETTER, Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 12, 1883.

The Board of Church Extension of the Missouri Conference held its regular annual meeting at the Christian church in this city at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, President, in the chair. The following members were present: C. I. Vandeventer, T. J. Gooch, Thos. Shackelford, J. H. Ledbetter, T. D. Woodson, J. A. Mumpower and M. B. Chapman. After prayer, the roll was called and the minutes of the pre-

ceding meetings were read and approved. On motion of M. B. Chapman, the following By-laws were adopted:

ART. I.--MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The regular meeting of the Board, as provided for in Art. 5 of the constitution, shall be held on the first day of Conference at 2 o'clock P. M.

ART. II.--DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.--*Of the President and Vice-President.*—The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall perform the duties usually required of such officers. The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President shall, with the Secretary, sign all drafts of the Board and such other official documents as the Board may authorize or require.

Sec. 2.--*Of the Secretary.*—The Secretary shall record in a book all the proceedings of the Board, and he shall have his record book present at each meeting of the Board and Executive Committee. He shall be the custodian of all the papers of the Board and shall sign and acknowledge all conveyances of real estate, releases of mortgages, powers of attorney and similar documents authorized by the Board, and shall affix the seal of the Board to the same. He shall attend, as far as practicable, the District Conferences and shall bring before them the interests of Church Extension. He shall also be specially charged with the care of the annual collections, and shall give information on Church Extension by circulars or through the church papers or by such other means as he may deem proper.

Sec. 3.--*Of the Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Board, and shall, after paying to the Parent Board 50 per cent. of the funds received by him, pay out the remaining funds only on drafts duly drawn and signed as provided for in these By-laws. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements made by him in suitable books provided for the purpose, which books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board, and shall make to the annual meeting of the Board a report of all his transactions for the year.

Sec. 4.--*Of the Executive Committee.*—The Executive Committee shall execute all orders of the Board, and in the interim of the regular meetings of the Board may receive applications for aid and determine the same under the rules governing the Board.

ART. III.--ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At all regular meetings of the Board the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Calling the roll.

2. Reading the minutes.
3. Filling vacancies in the Board, if any.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Communications.
6. Applications for Aid.
7. Arrangements for Anniversary Exercises.
8. Apportionment among the Districts of the amount as
sessed upon the Annual Conference.
9. Miscellaneous Business.

ART. IV.—AMENDING THE BY-LAWS.

These By laws may be altered, abolished or amended, at any regular meeting of the Board, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, provided previous notice has been given in writing to each member of the Board, through the Secretary, one month before the session of Conference.

On motion, Articles 8 and 9 were added to the Constitution. (See constitution.)

A communication from Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Parent Board, was read and considered.

The Executive committee were authorized to make suitable arrangements for the anniversary exercises.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

C. I. VANDEVENTER, President.

M. B. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 17, 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Church Extension was held in the Christian church at 1:30 p. m., Rev. C. I. Vandeventer in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Morton. The roll was called and minutes of last meeting read.

The Treasurer made the following report:

DISTRICTS.	Assessed.	Paid.
Fayette.....	\$ 270 00	\$ 262 00
St. Joseph.....	260 00	301 40
St. Charles.....	240 00	154 20
Mexico.....	240 00	116 05
Hannibal.....	270 00	179 00
Plattsburg.....	250 00	260 51
Macon.....	240 00	130 95
Chillicothe.....	240 00	140 35
Gallatin.....	145 00	98 15
Total assessment.....	\$2,155 00	
Total amount paid.....		1,642 61
Deficiency.....	\$ 512 39	
To amount formerly paid Dr. Morton.....	\$ 285 00	
Amount paid Dr. Morton this day.....	536 30	
Amount on hand to credit of Conference Board...	821 31	
		\$1,642 61

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 17, 1883.

T. D. WOODSON, Treasurer.

Three informal applications were made to the Board, all of which were referred to the Executive committee.

The Executive committee were empowered to prepare forms to conform as nearly as possible with the blanks of the Parent Board.

The assessments on the various districts were made (see tabulated statement), the minutes were read and approved, and the Board adjourned.

C. I. VANDEVENTER,
President.

M. B. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Ours is the day of the power of the press, and every interest of society is placed under obligations to its potent aid and alliance. It is brought into requisition by every phase of human thought, and is used to advance every cause without respect to its merits; it sends out the vilest streams of moral and social poison, as well as the highest truth and purest sentiment of the Christian; it records the profane utterances of cold, malignant infidelity, and tells of the redemption of the world by the grace of God. Hence the church of God is placed under a weighty responsibility to furnish her own people and the world with a pure and wholesome literature. It is with the utmost satisfaction that we recognize the fact that our own church is amply furnished with every needed facility in this important department of church work.

PUBLISHING HOUSE AT NASHVILLE.

Your committee have carefully considered the communication coming to us from Dr. McFerrin, our Gen'l Book Agent at Nashville. We rejoice at the prosperity of our Publishing House under his skillful management. Its business is rapidly increasing, and its indebtedness is in the same measure diminishing. Dr. Harrison, our Gen'l Book Editor, is doing faithful work, fully realizing the expectation of the General Conference in his election to that important and responsible position. The House is sending out many valuable books. We would particularly mention among these the new cheap edition of our Standard Hymn Book.

THE NASHVILLE "CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

This central organ of the church, under the editorial management of Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, is progressing beyond all former precedent in the history of the paper. Its circulation has reached nearly twenty five thousand. We most cordially commend it to the support of our people throughout the bounds of our Conference.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Your committee feel that they cannot too highly commend the Sunday School Literature of our church. Dr. Cunningham, assisted by Rev. J. A. Lyons, is doing a grand work for the church in furnishing a literature unsurpassed by any in the whole country. Our people should see to it that our schools are furnished with our own literature.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW.

We rejoice at the increased circulation and popularity of the *Quarterly Review*, and commend it to the liberal patronage of our people. The church needs, and ought to have, a first-class *Quarterly Review*, and we hope that Dr. Hinton, its editor, will be able to secure such a corps of contributors as will place it in the front rank of *Review* literature in the country.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

We have had before us the report of the executive committee of the Joint Committee of Editorial Management of the *St. Louis Christian Advocate*, and, after careful consideration, desire to express our full satisfaction with the operation of the entire organization as now existing, and would recommend that it be continued; and to that end we request that Revs. W. M. Rush and T. J. Gooch be reappointed by this Conference, as its representatives, to act with those appointed by the other Conferences on said joint committee.

Your committee desire to express their cordial approval of the action of the Joint Committee by which Rev. E. M. Bounds has been added to the editorial force on the *Advocate*, and we give him a hearty welcome as a co-laborer of the old and tried veteran, Dr. McAnally, and bid them both God-speed in their great work.

Your committee do, with increased confidence, commend the paper and submit its claims to the entire church, recommending it to their patronage and support, not only as our approved Conference organ, but as a messenger of truth and righteousness.

W. M. RUSH, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of temperance present the following report for the adoption of this Conference:

Resolved, 1st, That we are gratified to know that there is an increased and more intense interest manifested in our church upon the great evil of intemperance.

2d—That, in view of the many evils of intemperance which

now threaten the best interests of society and civil government and the destruction of the happiness and comfort of the homes of so many of our citizens and, above all else, the drowning of many precious souls and babies in perdition, we, as ministers of the Gospel of Peace, good will and temperance, will labor by all *legal* and *scriptural* means, as our best judgment may dictate, for the suppression of the *manufacture* and *sale* of all intoxicants as a beverage.

3rd—That, as ministers of the Gospel, we will preach or lecture more frequently upon the subject of intemperance and its dire consequences, and that we will solemnly impress all our people among whom we labor to pray for God's help in this Godly work.

T. R. KENDALL,
H. M. MYERS

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Referring to the resolutions and facts contained in report adopted by this Conference last year, your committee are no less surprised than pained by the meagre contributions reported by the preachers as having been raised during the past year for the Bible Cause. The aggregate so reported amounts to but \$105.35. Of this, \$5.85 were handed to your committee on this floor. We can add no new facts or reasons to those which are already before the Christian world to quicken the zeal of this Conference in the Bible Cause. We recommend, however, that every preacher in charge give more careful attention to this interest, keeping a strict account of all monies raised, to whomsoever it may be paid and report same to the Statistical Secretary of this Conference, annually.

C. BABCOCK,

Secretary.

JAS O. SWINNEY,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education begs leave to submit the following report:

We need not call your attention to the necessity of providing the most ample means for the Christian education of our youth. Unsanctified intellect is the greatest curse of our age, and there are no means of arresting the danger which arises from it except the thorough education of young men and women in such schools as will bring forth no abnormally developed beings; but men and women thoroughly furnished for the mental and moral responsibilities of life.

We are devoutly thankful to God that our church is fully awake to the importance of this work, and has provided, or is

providing, for its fullest accomplishment. We are especially rejoiced to know that we have such institutions within our own State and our own Conference. The Board has had referred to it the reports of four institutions.

CENTRAL COLLEGE.

The report of the Curators of this cherished institution, under the presidency of Rev. E. R. Hendrix, D. D., who is aided by a first-class corps of professors, is in good condition and shows improvement and increasing prosperity in all departments. Patronage is steadily increasing (the present opening being the largest in the history of the college), as is also the provision for the gratifying growth in the number of young men who throng its halls of learning. In addition to the present accommodations, a new college chapel is in course of erection, which will cost \$25,000 and which when completed will add materially to the college buildings and enhance its facilities. The Curators call for an additional endowment fund, which, in addition to that already secured, will make its entire endowment \$250,000 during the Centennial year, with which to erect additional buildings, endow a library, and increase the endowment to the full amount necessary to meet the demands of the times and enable the college to do the fullest work. The Board heartily endorses the proposition, and would urge all our people to liberal things in this direction. The Board also urges the appointment of Rev. E. R. Hendrix, D. D., to the presidency of said college.

ST. CHARLES COLLEGE.

This school, located at St. Charles is reported as fully prepared to do full work in educating the youth of the land. The building has been recently repaired, and the past year has been a prosperous one and shows a decided increase in the number of students over previous years. If properly encouraged by support, this school may be made a useful one; and we give it our endorsement and urge our people—especially in the St. Charles District—to rally to its support. The curators report \$160 as a fund to assist young men of our church who are preparing for the ministry, and request the endorsement by this body of Howard L. Davis, who is an applicant for the benefit of this fund.

HOWARD FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution, situated at Fayette—a co-worker with Central College—is reported in a prosperous condition, and the report shows 150 students in attendance during the past year, and of this number 51 were boarders. The school, under the efficient management of the president, Dr. H. K.

Hinde furnishes our people with a fine opportunity for the education of their daughters. The president has generously granted free tuition and board to some who are too poor to pay and desires, and should receive, our hearty cooperation in building up the school. The president desires that an endowment fund of at least \$50,000, should be raised for the purpose of assisting those poor girls who are worthy of and desire an education there, but are unable to have the same, and we heartily endorse the same, and urge our people to devise and do liberal things during this centennial year for this school. We most heartily endorse the school, and commend it to our people, urging them to send their daughters to it

CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution under the presidency of W. F. Kerdolff, located in the city of Lexington, is now doing good work, under most promising auspices. It is the child of the joint action of the three Conferences in Missouri, and the Curators rejoice to report increased prosperity in all things pertaining to the school. The citizens of Lexington have been rallying to its support, and the sum of \$25,000 has been raised by the agent Rev. L. P. Norfleet for building purposes. The agent and president have been personally before the Board, and having presented the claims of this college before us, we earnestly endorse the enterprise of establishing a female college of first grade, and in view of the actions of this Conference at former sessions we offer the following resolutions:

1st. That in as much as the people of Lexington have raised \$30,000 for Central Female College and complied with the requirements of the resolution passed by this Conference originally, we recommend that this Conference meet all its pledges to said institution as per said resolutions passed in 1870 and reaffirmed in 1872 and 1873, and perfect all the arrangements contemplated therein.

W. T. BOLLING,
Secretary.

H. B. WATSON,
Chairman.

As a supplemental report of the Board of Education, we recommend the re-election of Revs. W. E. Dockery and R. A. Austin as members of the Board of Curators of Central Female College; and we also suggest that, as this Conference has a half interest in said College by its representation on the Board of Curators thereof, that we try to raise within the bounds of this Conference \$50,000 of one hundred thousand dollars desired by the Board of Curators of the College as an endowment fund to be secured during the centennial year.

H. B. WATSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The statistical report of this year compared with the statistical report of last year, we are sorry to say, does not show much progress in that line. According to these reports, there is a loss this year of *three* schools; a gain of *sixty two* officers and teachers; a gain of *fifty* scholars; a loss of one hundred and thirty-nine volumes in library, and \$215.75 less money raised for these purposes.

The Board look upon the Sunday School institution as one of the most important institutions of the church, and regret much that they have not been able to do more than they have done. To make the Sunday School as interesting as it ought to be, and as successful in winning the children to Jesus, and having them for Jesus, there must be the most hearty and persistent co operation of the parents. While parents should never surrender the chief agency of the moral and religious instruction of their children to any other agency or agencies than themselves, yet they must give constant assistance to this work or the loss is immense. Parents help! By all the immortal interests of your children help! Pastors and local preachers must put their souls into this work to make it a success. It will die on our hands unless we arouse ourselves from the lethargy that seems to some extent, to have come over us.

The Board is apprehensive, from all they can learn, that in some places, that too much attention is given to singing to the neglect of Bible instruction, which is the more immediate object of the Sunday School. Good singing is delightful and profitable, but care must be taken that our schools do not degenerate to a too great an extent into singing schools. Again, your Board is impressed with the fear that the exercises and devotions of the Sunday School are not sufficiently reverent and religious. These exercises should be religious in the complete sense of the word. There is danger of the lightness and worldly spirit sometimes admitted into the Sunday School getting through this agency into the church and thus work a double evil. Let pastors and superintendents guard well this interest. Your Board believes from a long acquaintance and use of the Sunday School Literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church South—published at Nashville, Tennessee,—J. B. McFerrin agent—is the cheapest, all things considered, and by far the best Sunday School literature published in this country, and cannot recommend with too much emphasis its constant universal use in all our Sunday Schools.

The Board believe that the use of our own literature is pretty general, but they are exceedingly anxious that Southern Methodist literature shall be in use in every Southern Metho-

dist Sunday School; then we are assured there will be one good thing, at least, in every school.

The Board is much gratified to learn that in all our District Conferences, Sunday School Conferences were held in connection with them, and it is urged that the disciplinarian provision for Sunday School Conferences be strictly observed in every Presiding Elders district, and as far as the Board can, and is desired, they will co-operate with them in efforts to make these conventions profitable.

In order that our work may be more effective in the future, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That the Presiding Elders of each district be required to appoint at their earliest convenience after the adjournment of this Conference, one layman or local preacher in each charge in his district, whose duty it shall be to look after all the Sunday School interests in his charge, acting in connection with his pastor. The brethren thus appointed shall constitute a District Sunday School Board, to be presided over by the member of the Annual Conference Sunday School Board. This Board shall meet at the same time and place at the District Conference; and shall through its chairman make report to the Annual Conference Board.

Resolved. This Board shall at each District Conference make their report to said Conference. And it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elder to appoint a new District Board for ensuing year at each District Conference.

J. H. SNOW,
Secretary.

W. T. ELLINGTON,
President.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The committee to whom was referred the District Conference records for examination, beg leave to report:

The records of the Chillicothe, Gallatin, St. Joseph, Plattsburg, Hannibal and Mexico Districts were before us. All of these records we found to be generally well kept. In every one, however, slight improvements might be made except in those of the Chillicothe District. These we heartily commend.

L. PULLIAM.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

BISHOP'S FUND.

	Due.	Paid.	Deficit.	Over.
St. Charles District.....	\$110	\$ 110 00		
Mexico " 	110	112 45		2 45
Fayette " 	130	136 00		6 00
Chillicothe " 	110	110 00		
Plattsburg " 	115	121 50		6 50
St. Joseph " 	120	120 00		
Gallatin " 	65	65 00		
Macon " 	110	110 00		
Hannibal " 	130	130 00		
Total paid.		\$1,014 95		

Amount held over from last year, 35 34

\$1,050 29

Paid out to Bishop Wilson, 1,000 00

Balance on hand, \$ 50 29

This balance of \$50.29 deposited in Ray County Savings Bank, Richmond, Mo.

Apportionment for Bishops' Fund, for Conference year next ensuing, is as follows:

St. Charles District to pay the full amount of.....	\$ 110 00
Mexico " " " " " "	110 00
Fayette " " " " " "	130 00
Chillicothe " " " " " "	110 00
Plattsburg " " " " " "	120 00
St. Joseph " " " " " "	120 00
Gallatin " " " " " "	60 00
Macon " " " " " "	110 00
Hannibal " " " " " "	130 00
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. ELLIS, Sec'y and Treas.

W. TOOLE, Chairman.

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS FOR CONFERENCE FUND.

St. Charles District.....	\$ 275 60
Mexico " "	307 35
Fayette " "	406 42
Chillicothe " "	295 55
Plattsburg " "	315 60
St. Joseph " "	376 80
Gallatin " "	172 00
Macon " "	223 17
Hannibal " "	310 25
" " special	20 00
	<u>\$2,702 74</u>

Amount received from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, agent of "Colvin Bequest Fund".....\$ 39 69

Amount received from Dr. W. M. Rush, president of "Conference Board of Trust"..... 71 95

Total Conference Fund.....\$2,814 38

And distributed as follows:

Mrs. Thos. Demoss.....	\$ 50 00
" Jesse Faubion.....	25 00
" Manoah Richardson.....	25 00
" Edwin Robinson.....	50 00
" Geo. L. Sexton.....	25 00
Miss Leona Thomson Mayhew, Rev. H. D. Hogan, Trustee..	25 00
Mrs. W. T. Conwell.....	50 00
" D. H. Root.....	50 00
" Jacob Lanius.....	50 00
" Tyson Dines.....	50 00
" Cyrus Doggett.....	50 00
" Armstead Early.....	75 00
" R. N. T. Holliday.....	75 00
" D. A. Leeper.....	75 00
" R. H. Jordan.....	75 00
" Joseph Devlin.....	75 00
" George Smith.....	75 00
" Wm. M. Newland.....	75 00
" Jesse Sutton.....	75 00
" Andrew Monroe.....	75 00
" J. C. C. Davis.....	85 00
" Columbus Cleveland.....	89 38
" A. T. Lewis.....	125 00
" S. D. Barrett.....	125 00
" Wm. M. Wood, W. Toole, Trustee.....	200 00
" D. C. Blackwell, ".....	200 00
" J. J. Poage.....	220 00
" B. H. Spencer.....	200 00

Bro. Geo. Fentem.....	140 00
“ Daniel Penney.....	125 00
“ Daniel T. Sherman.....	75 00
“ Jesse Bird.....	100 60
“ Thos. Hurst.....	5 00
“ Jas. Penn.....	Claim waived.
Mrs. R. G. Loving.....	“

Total paid out.....\$2,814 38

Number of Widows and Orphans.....68

“ “ Superannuated Preachers.....10

Your Board recommend the continuance of the following

STANDING RULE.

“Each preacher in charge of a station, circuit or mission, SHALL collect from their several charges and congregations an amount at least equal to five (5) per cent. on the combined claims of the Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge of that work, as a Conference Fund, for the support of the widows and orphans of deceased preachers and of superannuated preachers of this Conference, and pay the full amount so collected to the Joint Board of Finance at the annual sessions of the Conference.”

Your Board earnestly calls attention to the existence of the “Conference Board of Trust”—a corporate body—to take, receive and invest such funds as may be donated or bequeathed—the proceeds to be used in aid of the superannuates and widows and orphan children of deceased preachers. Do what you can to have our wealthy members and friends act as their own administrator, and give of their money to this “Conference Board of Trust”; and, further, to include this worthy object in your gifts during the centenary of Methodism of 1884. The proceeds from the beneficence of Brother McMichael, of Plattsburg, through this Board of Trust, has added materially to the amount of the Conference Fund this year.

Your Board take pleasure in saying that the amount paid in this year for the Conference Fund is more than \$200 greater than any previous year in the history of the Conference; and, in the name of the several claimants, to gratefully thank those preachers who so well and faithfully brought up their quota to this fund. And, in this connection, to express the hope that, in the year to come, *every preacher* (and faithful laymen helping) will bring up the full, expected and needed Conference funds. Do for these now, and in the future others will do for you and yours.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Joint Board desires to thank the large number of preachers for *prompt settlements* during the early hours of this Conference session.

The thanks of this Conference are due to the officers of the Chillicothe Savings Association for courtesies to this Board, and for furnishing exchange for the several claimants free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. ELLIS, Sec'y and Treas.

W. TOOLE, Chairman.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

No. of Districts receiving Missionary appropriations	1
" " Pastoral charges receiving Missionary appropriations.....	26
" " Local preachers.....	32
" " Members.....	2,286
" " Adult baptisms.....	160
" " Infant baptisms.....	95
" " Sunday schools.....	40
" " Officers and teachers.....	309
" " Scholars.....	2,241
" " Volumes in Library	591
Money raised for building and repairing churches.....	\$ 5,278 85
Amount paid preachers in charge.....	6,749 65
" " Presiding Elders.....	1,019 74
" " collected for Bishops.....	107 25
" " " Conference fund.....	359 72
" " " Domestic Missions.....	404 30
" " " Foreign.....	607 16
" " " Church Extension.....	175 05
" " " Sunday School purposes.....	524 65
No. Church Periodicals taken.....	807
" Church houses.....	41
Value of Church houses.....	\$ 54,600 00
No. they will seat.....	10,975
Value of parsonages.....	\$ 1,650 00
Additions to church this year	474
Am't paid by the Board for the support of all these charges.....	\$ 3,650 00

J. F. SHORES, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To the President and members of the Board of Missions, Missouri Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:--The following is the report of your Treasurer for the current Conference year:

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.

To balance on hand from last year	\$ 421 83	
To amount received during the year.....	3,400 62	\$ 3,822 45
By drafts paid in full.....	\$ 3,650 00	
By amount paid Mrs. B. H. Spencer.....	111 00	
By balance on hand.....	61 45	\$ 3,822 45

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

To amount received during the year.....	\$ 5,380 63	
To amount received for A P Parker	265 45	\$ 5,646 13
By D C Kelley, Treasurer.....	\$ 5,646 13	\$ 5,646 13

Sept. 12, 1883.

GEO. J. WARREN, Treas.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

MEXICO DISTRICT.

Perry Mission	\$ 200
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GALLATIN DISTRICT.

Gallatin District.....	200
Princeton Mission.....	50
Gallatin Mission.....	150
Stanberry Mission.....	300
Grant City Mission.....	100

HANNIBAL DISTRICT.

Kahoka	100
Arch Street, Hannibal.....	200

ST. CHARLES DISTRICT.

Frankford Mission	100
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MACON DISTRICT.

Moberly Mission.....	250
Kirksville Mission.....	200

Milan Mission.....	100
Browning Mission	100
Cairo Mission	100

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.

Hamburg Mission.....	100
Maryville Mission.....	150
Maysville Mission.....	100
Tenth Street and South St. Joseph.....	200
Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph.....	250
Elmo Mission.....	100

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.

Parkville Mission.....	250
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CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.

Westville Mission.....	100
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FAYETTE DISTRICT.

Renick Mission	100
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Total.....\$ 3,500

Resolved, That, in view of our empty treasury, it is imperative that collections for Domestic Missions be taken up during the month of November.

Resolved, That we do not draw the drafts for the fourth quarter until the money is in hand for their payment.

ASSESSMENTS FOR MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.
Fayette.....	\$ 515	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,715
St. Joseph	515	1,200	1,715
St. Charles	465	1,100	1,565
Mexico.....	515	1,200	1,715
Hannibal.....	515	1,200	1,715
Plattsburg.....	450	1,050	1,500
Macon.....	450	1,050	1,500
Chillicothe.....	515	1,200	1,715
Gallatin.....	315	800	1,115
Totals.....	\$ 4,255	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,255



RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Conference :

CHURCH EXTENSION COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That the preachers are requested to take their collections for Church Extension previous to March 1, and remit promptly to the Treasurer, T. D. Woodson, Richmond, Mo.

M. B. CHAPMAN,
A. V. BAYLEY.

MORE LABORERS.

WHEREAS, There are several appointments which cannot be supplied at this session of the Conference, therefore—

Resolved, That we will pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest-field, and that the Ministers and Churches should carefully look out and bring forward any young man whom the Holy Ghost may have called to the high mission of preaching the Word of Life.

J. P. NOLAN,
R. A. AUSTIN,
C. I. VANDEVENTER.

STATISTICAL BLANKS.

Resolved, That Rev. J. H. Pritchett be instructed to prepare fuller blanks for statistics, embracing the amounts assessed for various purposes, with the deficiencies and excesses.

M. B. CHAPMAN.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES.

In order to secure a larger circulation of the Conference Minutes than heretofore, Rev. M. B. Chapman is hereby appointed to edit and publish the proceedings of the next Conference session; and he is hereby requested to collect such data and facts as would be of interest if inserted in the proceedings; and he is also requested to make such conditional or prospective contracts for printing the Minutes as he may deem prudent; and he is also requested to notify the preachers through the *Advocate*, or by circular, at what price the Minutes may be sold, before the Conference sessions.

WHEREAS—It is desirable, that the records of our Conference

sessions be placed in the hands of our membership as a matter of information; therefore,

Resolved, That each preacher be requested to co-operate with Bro. Chapman in the selling of the Minutes, *before* the Conference sessions—to the largest extent possible.

P. P. ELLIS.

J. M. O'BRYAN.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

WHEREAS, There is a determined attack being made from many quarters in Missouri, on the sanctity of the Sabbath; and, whereas, we recognize this as not only an assault upon one of the most sacred institutions of Christianity, but also destructive of the very foundations of society and utterly subversive of the genius of our civilization, therefore—

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as a Conference to resist these attacks with all the moral forces at our command; that we will preach at least one sermon at each appointment during the year on the observance of the Sabbath, and that we will enforce the provisions of our Discipline bearing on this subject.

M. B. CHAPMAN,

J. M. O'BRYAN,

D. C. O'HOWELL,

JOHN D. VINCIL,

W. A. HANNA,

H. D. GROVES,

C. I. VANDEVENTER.

E. R. HENDRIX.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, By the members of the Missouri Annual Conference in session, that we extend our hearty thanks to the citizens of Chillicothe for their kind and hospitable entertainment extended to us during the past week; and that we will ever hold them in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That our thanks are also extended to Rev. J. Y. Blakey for his untiring attention to the Conference in their entertainment; to the various churches of the city for the use of their houses of worship; to Bro. J. E. Wilson for his services as postmaster; to the several railroad companies for courtesies extended; and to the officers of the Chillicothe Savings Association for their kindness in extending favors to the Conference.

M. B. CHAPMAN,

T. D. WOODSON,

P. P. ELLIS,

JOHN A. BEAGLE,

J. H. LEDBETTER.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. B. H. SPENCER.

Berry Hill Spencer has been called to his reward in heaven. He was born in Burke county, North Carolina, March 23, 1819, and died at his home in Palmyra, Missouri, August 2d, 1883. His ancestry came from England to Prince Edward county Virginia before the revolutionary war, while Virginia was still a British colony. While he was yet an infant his parents removed from North Carolina to Missouri, and settled in Cape Girardeau county. Their house on Apple Creek was for many years a preaching place, and a home for Methodist preachers. Under the ministry of Rev Uriel Haw of precious memory, Berry, at the age of sixteen years joined the church on probation as a seeker of religion. He had been piously trained. His mother especially, seems to have impressed her spiritual life upon his character. She was a woman of active, religious zeal in the church and in her family. When 19 years old he was converted at home on Sunday afternoon, while his mother was praying for a sick sister. The sick sister and another sister were also converted. What a joy in that home. Soon after this he was deeply and solemnly impressed that he was divinely called to the work of the ministry. He was licensed to exhort by Rev. Nelson Henry, the preacher in charge. January 5th, 1842, while yet an exhorter, he was by the Presiding Elder placed in charge of Ripley Mission. This certainly was a very strong expression of great confidence in him. At the first quarterly meeting thereafter on the Mission, he was licensed to preach May 29th, 1842. Filling out that year on Ripley Mission, he traveled the next year the Greenville Circuit, under the direction of the Presiding Elder. In September 1843 at Lexington, he was admitted on trial into the traveling connexion by the Missouri Conference. He was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Soule at Columbia October 7th, 1845, and an Elder at Glasgow by Bishop Capers October 3d, 1847.

He has received and filled the following appointments in the Conference: Oregon Circuit, 1843; Carrollton Circuit, 1844-5; Brunswick Station, 1846; Paris Circuit, 1847-8; Fayette, 1849; Liberty Station, 1850; Fulton Circuit, 1851; Columbia Station, 1852-3; St. Joseph Station, 1854; Hannibal Station, 1855; Palmyra Station, 1856-7; Louisiana Station, 1858; Fayette District, 1859; St. Charles District, 1860-1-2-3-4-5; Hannibal District, 1866-7-8-9; Shelbyville Circuit, 1870; Hydesburg Circuit, 1871; Macon District, 1872-3-4-5; Paris Circuit, 1876; Mount Olives Circuit, 1877-8; Mon-

roe City Circuit, 1879; Fayette District, 1880-1; Monroe City Circuit, 1882.

Bro. Spencer was re-elected five times by his brethren of the Missouri Conference to the General Conference, and was a member of every session of that body, excepting one, since 1858.

He was eminently a sound, strong and scriptural preacher. Few men were so ready in the scriptures as he. He possessed in the highest degree the love and confidence of his brethren. He was in an eminent degree a pure and holy man—diligent and faithful in all his work. In the Missouri Conference the memory of Berry H. Spencer will long be precious.

For many years Brother Spencer was a great sufferer, and in his last sickness, and for months his sufferings were extreme; but he endured it all as seeing Him that is invisible. He was ready and anxious to depart and to be with Christ.

He leaves a true and faithful wife, who from the days of his early manhood has shared with him the toils and privations incident to the life of a traveling Methodist preacher; also eleven children to mourn their loss. We commend them to the loving kindness of our Father in heaven.

W. M. RUSH,
Chairman of Committee.

CYRUS DOGGETT.

Your committee on Memoirs have had under consideration the name and departure of our venerable brother, Cyrus Doggett, to his final reward, and, after making as diligent inquiry as the means at hand would afford, the committee can obtain but little information concerning either his life or death.

Bro. Doggett was transferred to the Missouri Conference from the Virginia Conference, in 1868, and stationed in the city of St. Charles, Mo. His second appointment was to the Flint Hill circuit, and his third to Gallatin station. After remaining in this Conference for five or six years he was placed on the superannuated list. Bro. Doggett was a good man, and true, a sound, chaste, clear, doctrinal and practical preacher of the old stamp; was well advanced in years when the final messenger came. For several years past he has lived within the bounds of the Virginia Conference. Only a few weeks since, he passed from the church militant to the church triumphant.

W. M. RUSH,
Chairman of Committee.

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